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HAS SAID: '. . . LOOK! I AM CREATING NEW
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OR COME UP ON THE HEART.'"
—ISAIAH 65:13, 17.

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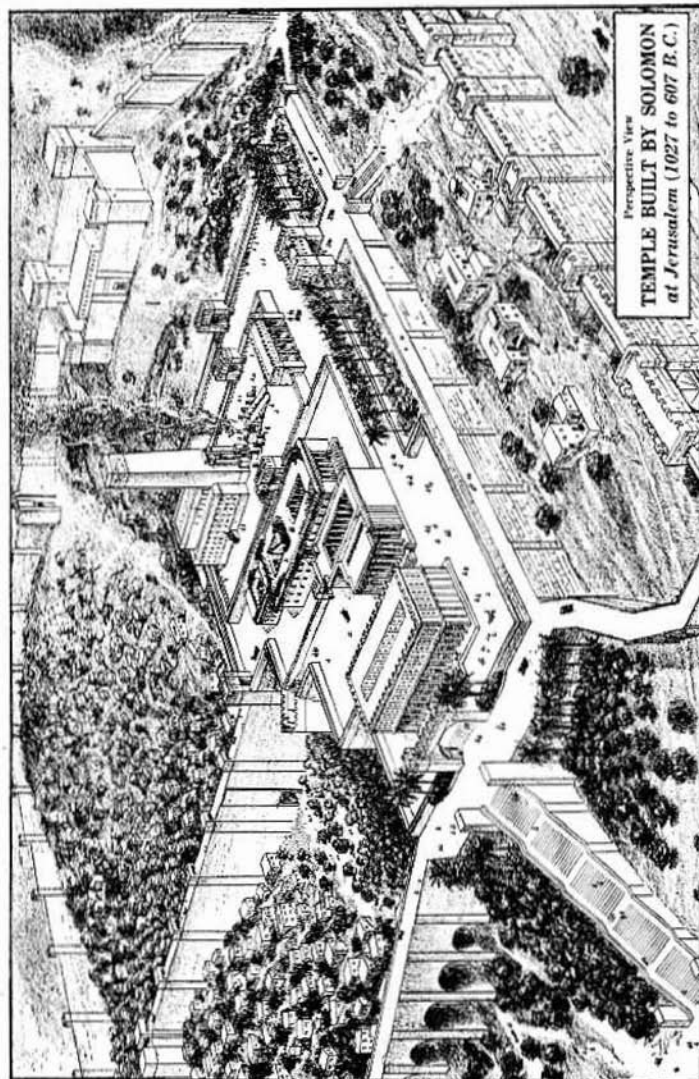
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EXPLANATION OF THE SYMBOLS USED IN THE MARGINAL REFERENCES

Aq

Greek translation made by Aquila, a Jewish proselyte, of the 2d century A.D. A very literal translation of the Hebrew, becoming the official Greek version for the Jews. Origen included it in the 3d column of his *Hexapla*, current about A.D. 245. See Foreword of the *New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures*, page 12, ¶ 1.

Ca

Cairo Manuscript of the Prophets, in Hebrew. It contains the Earlier and Later Prophets (see Foreword, Volume I, ¶ 4) and was written by Moses ben Asher in Tiberias in Palestine, A.D. 895. It is in the Karaite Jews' synagogue of Cairo, Egypt. Accidentally discovered about 1890.

It

"Old Latin" Version, probably originating among Latin-speaking Jews of Carthage in North Africa but later adopted by the Christians. Various Latin versions were circulated before Jerome's production of the Latin *Vulgate*, and were translations of the Greek *Septuagint* before Origen revised that Greek text about A.D. 245. Three types of Old Latin versions are identified: (1) the African, the most primitive; (2) the European; and (3) the Italian, probably a revision of the European. Usually called "Itala." The standard edition continues to be that of Pierre

Sabatier, *Bibliorum Sacrorum latinae versiones antiquae seu vetus italica*, issued 1743-49.

L

Leningrad Manuscript, catalogued as No. B 19A, in Hebrew. It is the oldest dated manuscript of the complete Hebrew Bible and was copied A.D. 1008 "from the corrected clear books prepared by the master Aaron ben Mosher ben Asher." It contains the ordinary vocalization of the Hebrew consonants. It is now in the Public Library in Leningrad, Russia.

LXX

Greek *Septuagint* Version, begun about 280 B.C. The oldest version of the Hebrew Scriptures and a work of Jews.

LXX*

Greek *Septuagint* Version as found in the Codex Sinaiticus, or Sinaitic Manuscript. Of the 4th century. What remains of its translation of the Hebrew Scriptures is fragmentary. Discovered at Mt. Sinai in 1844, it is now in the British Museum, London, England.

LXXA

Greek *Septuagint* Version as found in the Codex Alexandrinus, or Alexandrine Manuscript, of the complete Bible. Of the middle of the 5th century. From its translation of the Hebrew Scriptures the following have been lost: 1 Kings 12:17 to 14:9 and Psalms 49:20 to 79:11.

LXXB

Greek *Septuagint* Version as found in the Codex Vaticanus, or Vatican Manuscript No. 1209. Of the 4th century. From its translation of the Hebrew Scriptures two sections are missing: the book of Genesis from its beginning up to chapter 46:28, and Psalms 105:27 to 137:6 (Psalms 106:138 in Hebrew), but which missing passages were restored by a 15th-century scribe. The Books of the Maccabees and the Psalms of Solomon, apocryphal books, are missing. Catalogued in the Vatican Library since the fifteenth century.

M

Masoretic Hebrew text. Here based mainly on the text of the Leningrad Hebrew Manuscript No. B 19A, a representative of the ben Asher text.

Sam

Samaritan *Pentateuch*, a Hebrew text mixed with Samaritan idioms, transmitted by the Samaritan community in Palestine independently of the Jewish tradition since the 4th century B.C. Out of 6,000 differences between the Samaritan text and the Hebrew text of the first five books of the Bible only 1,000 are important. A few extant manuscripts are earlier than the 12th century.

Sy

Syriac *Peshitta* Version. Parts of it may be of Jewish origin, but it was made for Syriac Christians. It is basically a translation directly of the Hebrew Scriptures, although

made with some consideration of the Greek *Septuagint*. Its most valuable manuscript for the translation of the entire Hebrew Bible is the 6th- or 7th-century codex in the Ambrosian Library, Milan, Italy. An earlier manuscript has a date corresponding with A.D. 464.

Sym

Greek translation made by Symmachus, an Ebionite, about A.D. 200. Though in excellent Greek, it is faithful to the Hebrew text, following its sense. Few fragments survive. Origen included it in the 4th column of his *Hexapla*, current about A.D. 245.

T

The Targums, or Targumim, meaning "interpretations, translations." At first they were mere oral interpretations or translations in Aramaic made at the reading of the Hebrew Scriptures after Jerusalem's 70-year desolation, and later they were committed to writing. There are Targums on the Law or *Pentateuch*, on the Prophets and, of later date, on the *Hagiographa*. The three Targums on the *Pentateuch* are the Jerusalem Targum, the Targum of Jonathan, and the Targum of Onkelos.

TJ

Targum of Jonathan, really pseudo-Jonathan, this Targum on the *Pentateuch* being falsely assigned to Jonathan ben Uzziel. It should rather be called the Jerusalem Targum. It is a paraphrase in Aramaic extending from Genesis

through Deuteronomy. There is another Targum called the Jerusalem Targum on the Pentateuch, but it contains only portions of the Pentateuch and so is usually called the Fragmentary (Jerusalem) Targum.

The Targum on the Prophets, namely, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the 12 Minor Prophets, is wrongly attributed to the above Jonathan. In language and style it closely resembles the Targum of Onkelos and seems to have been modeled on that Targum and, in places, to have made use of it, but is less literal.

To

Targum of Onkelos, or Babylonian Targum, on the Pentateuch. Its real author was probably unknown to the Babylo-

nian Jews. It is thought to be the oldest extant of the Aramaic versions. It is more closely allied to Biblical Aramaic and sticks very closely to the Hebrew text. It is based on a Hebrew text practically identical with the Masoretic text.

TP

Palestinian Targum, of which the Fragmentary (Jerusalem) Targum on the Pentateuch is a remnant. It was an older, more complete Jerusalem Targum.

Th

Greek translation made by Theodo-tion, of Pontus, Asia Minor, between A.D. 180 and 192. It differs little from the *Septuagint*, like a mere revision. Origen included it in the 6th column of his *Hexapla*, current about A.D. 245.

PLURAL NUMBER of "YOU" and of VERBS

"You" printed in all capital letters denotes the plural number of this pronoun. Also where the plural number of a verb is not certainly apparent to the reader, it is indicated by printing the VERB in all capitals.

CHAIN REFERENCE

The superior small circle, open (○) or with a dot (◐), or a superior "p" or "q" denotes that the word that it follows is one of a chain of references, carried on all through the Hebrew Scriptures. In the last volume of our translation of the Hebrew Scriptures we hope to publish an alphabetic list of all words in chain reference, with the opening verse in the Hebrew Scriptures where each chain starts. The side margin cites the next link. Other symbols refer to cross references not in a chain.

The following cross reference symbols *, □, △, ○, +, @, ×, #, k to n, r to z will lead you to helpful information, such as, parallel passages, geographical and biographical points, passages quoted from, etc. The letter "I" behind a cross reference symbol denotes a scripture the thought of which has been misapplied.

Alphabetical Order and Marginal Abbreviations of the Books of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures

Book	Abbreviation	Book	Abbreviation
Acts	Ac	Kings, 1	1Ki
Amos	Am	Kings, 2	2Ki
Chronicles, 1	1Ch	Lamentations	La
Chronicles, 2	2Ch	Leviticus	Le
Colossians	Col	Luke	Lu
Corinthians, 1	1Co	Malachi	Mal
Corinthians, 2	2Co	Mark	Mr
Daniel	Da	Matthew	Mt
Deuteronomy	De	Micah	Mic
Ecclesiastes	Ec	Nahum	Na
Ephesians	Eph	Nehemiah	Ne
Esther	Es	Numbers	Nu
Exodus	Ex	Obadiah	Ob
Ezekiel	Eze	Peter, 1	1Pe
Ezra	Ezr	Peter, 2	2Pe
Galatians	Ga	Philemon	Phm
Genesis	Ge	Philippians	Php
Habakkuk	Hab	Proverbs	Pr
Haggai	Hag	Psalms	Ps
Hebrews	Heb	Revelation	Re
Hosea	Ho	Romans	Ro
Isaiah	Isa	Ruth	Ru
James	Jas	Samuel, 1	1Sa
Jeremiah	Jer	Samuel, 2	2Sa
Job	Job	Song of Solomon, The	
Joel	Joe	(Canticles)	Ca
John	Joh	Thessalonians, 1	1Th
John, 1	1Jo	Thessalonians, 2	2Th
John, 2	2Jo	Timothy, 1	1Ti
John, 3	3Jo	Timothy, 2	2Ti
Jonah	Jon	Titus	Tit
Joshua	Jos	Zechariah	Zec
Jude	Jude	Zephaniah	Zep
Judges	Jg		

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NAMES AND ORDER OF THE BOOKS OF THE HEBREW-ARAMAIC SCRIPTURES

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Genesis	1 Samuel	Job	Isaiah
Exodus	2 Samuel	Psalms	Jeremiah
Leviticus	1 Kings	Proverbs	Lamentations
Numbers	2 Kings	Ecclesiastes	Ezekiel
Deuteronomy	1 Chronicles	The Song of Solomon	Daniel
Joshua	2 Chronicles		Hosea
Judges	Ezra		Joel
Ruth	Nehemiah		Amos
	Esther		Obadiah
			Jonah
			Micah
			Nahum
			Habakkuk
			Zephaniah
			Haggai
			Zechariah
			Malachi

* To be published in Volume IV in the course of the years.

JOB

*Ge 10:23
Ge 22:21
Ge 36:28
1Ch 1:17
Jer 25:20
La 4:21
Job 2:3
Eze 14:14
Eze 14:20
Jas 5:11
ΔGe 6:9
2Kl 20:3
2Ch 31:20
Job 42:12
Ge 22:12
Pr 8:13
1Pe 3:11
Ps 127:3
Ps 128:3
*Ge 34:23
2Ch 32:29
*Ge 29:1
1Kl 4:30
*Es 5:4
Es 6:14
OPr 7:4

ΔGe 35:2
Ex 19:10
1Sa 16:5
ΔGe 8:20

1Kl 21:10

*Ge 6:5

1 There happened to be a man^a in the land of Uz* whose name was Job,^b and that man^a proved to be of integrity^c and upright^a and fearing God^d and turning aside from bad.^e ² And seven sons and three daughters came to be born to him.^g ³ And his livestock^h got to be seven thousand sheep^c and three thousand camels^g and five hundred spans of oxen and five hundred she-asses, along with a very great body of servants, and that man^a came to be the greatest of all the Orientals.^d ⁴ And his sons went and held a banquet^h at the house of each one^e on his own day, and they sent and invited their three sisters^c to eat and drink with them. ⁵ And it would occur that when the banquet days had gone round the circuit Job would send and sanctify them,^g and he got up early in the morning and offered up burnt sacrifices^a according to the number of all of them, for, said Job, "maybe my sons have sinned and have cursed^d God in their heart."^h That is the way Job would do always. ⁶ Now it came to be the day when the sons^g

a "Man." M, *ish*. b Literally, *Iy-yōb'*, M; meaning "object of hostility." Not the same as Iob (M, *Yōb*) in Genesis 46:13. c Or, "small cattle," including sheep and goats. d Literally, "sons of [the] East," M. e "Each one." M, *ish*. f Literally, "blessed," M; but used euphemistically for "cursed," because God is the one affected. In the primitive Hebrew text the word was *qil'lel'*, meaning "cursed." But this is one of the Eighteen Emendations of the Jewish Sopherim. See 1 Kings 21:10, 13, footnotes b, respectively. Vg, "blessed"; LXX, "thought bad things against"; Sy, "reviled." g "The angels," LXX.

of The [true] God^a came in to take their station before Jehovah,* and even Satan^b proceeded to come in right among them.* Then Jehovah^c said to Satan: "Where do you come from?" At that Satan answered Jehovah and said: "From roving about in the earth^d and from walking about in it."^e And Jehovah went on to say to Satan: "Have you set your heart^f upon my servant^g Job, that there is no one like him in the earth,^h a man of integrityⁱ and upright,^j fearing God^k and turning aside from bad?"^l At that Satan answered Jehovah and said: "Is it for nothing that Job has feared God?"^m Have not you yourself put up a hedge about himⁿ and about his house and about everything that he has all around? The work of his hands^o you have blessed^p and his livestock itself has spread abroad in the earth."^q But, for a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch^r everything he has [and see] whether he will not curse^s you to your very face."^t Accordingly Jehovah said to Satan: "Look! everything that he has is in your hand.^v Only against him himself do not thrust out your hand!"^w So Satan went out away from the person^d of Jehovah.*

13 Now it came to be the day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother the first-

^a "The [true] God." M, *ha-Elohim*, the definite article *ha*, ("The") preceding the title *Elohim*. See Genesis 6:2, 4, footnote c. ^b "Satan." M, *has-Satan*; literally, "the resister." So throughout Job, chapters 1 and 2. This is the first occurrence of *has-Satan* in M, although *sa-tan* ("resister") without the Hebrew definite article (*ha*) occurs eight times before this, beginning at Numbers 22:22.

^c See verse 5, footnote f. ^d Literally, "face." M. But see 2 Samuel 17:11, footnote b.

Ge 6:2
Job 38:7
Da 3:25
*Ps 103:20
Mt 18:10
*Ps 18:13
*1Ch 21:1
Zec 3:1
Mt 4:3
Lu 22:31
Joh 13:2
Re 12:9
*Job 38:4
*1Ki 22:19
*Zec 1:10
Zec 6:7
*1Pe 5:8
*Eze 40:4
*Nu 12:7
*Ps 89:20
*Nu 12:3
*Ps 37:37
Joh 1:47
*Job 17:8
*Ps 84:11
*kNe 5:15
*Ps 36:1
*nPs 34:14

*Ps 8:6
*rJob 2:10
Mal 1:10
Mt 16:26
*sGe 15:1
De 33:27
1Pe 1:5
*tGe 26:12
*uGe 30:43
*vGe 28:11
Zec 2:8
*Isa 8:21
Mal 3:14
*yJer 38:5
*z1Co 10:13

*Job 2:7

*Job 1:4
*1Sa 4:17

*Ge 10:28
*Ps 72:10
Isa 45:14
Joe 3:8

*1Sa 22:20

*Ps 97:3

*1Ki 18:38
2Ki 1:10
Am 7:4
Eph 2:2
Re 13:13

*Ge 11:28
2Ki 24:2
2Ki 25:4
2Ch 36:17
Ne 9:7
Isa 23:13
Hab 1:6
*2Sa 1:3

*kGe 9:21
Ge 19:32
Jg 19:6
Ru 3:7
1Sa 25:36
2Sa 11:13
2Sa 13:28
1Ki 20:16
Es 1:10
Ps 104:15
Ec 9:7
Mt 9:17
Ac 2:13
*nJer 4:11
Eph 2:2
*rGe 37:34
*sEzr 9:3

born.^o ¹⁴ And a messenger^a himself came in to Job and proceeded to say: "The oxen themselves happened to be plowing and the she-asses were grazing at the side of them ¹⁵ when the Sa-be'ans^a came making a raid and taking them, and the attendants they struck down with the edge of the sword, and I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you."

16 While this one was yet speaking that one came and proceeded to say: "The very fire^c of God fell from the heavens^d and went blazing among the sheep and the attendants and eating them up, and I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you."

17 While that one was yet speaking another one came and proceeded to say: "The Chal-de'ans^e made up three bands and went dashing against the camels and taking them, and the attendants they struck down with the edge of the sword, and I got to escape,^h only I by myself, to tell you."

18 While this other one was yet speaking, still another one came and proceeded to say: "Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine^k in the house of their brother the first-born. ¹⁹ And, look! there came a great wind^{bn} from the region of the wilderness and it went striking the four corners of the house, so that it fell upon the young people and they died. And I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you."

20 And Job proceeded to get up and rip^r his sleeveless coat apart and cut the hair^s off his

^a "The Sa-be'ans." Literally, "She'ba," M. ^b "Wind." M, *ru'ahh*. See Genesis 1:2, footnote d.

head and fall to the earth^t and bow down^u
21 and say:

"Naked I came out of my mother's^o belly^v

"And naked^o shall I return there.^v

"Jehovah himself has given^z and Jehovah
himself has taken away.^{*}

"Let the name of Jehovah^o continue to
be blessed."^o

22 In all this Job did not sin or ascribe unseem-
liness to God.^{ca}

2 Afterward it came to be the day when the
sons^a of The [true] God^b came in to take
their station before Jehovah, and Satan^c also
proceeded to come in right among them to take
his station before Jehovah.^o 2 Then Jehovah
said to Satan:^c "Just where do you come from?"
At that Satan^c answered Jehovah and said:
"From roving about in the earth and from
walking about in it."³ And Jehovah went on
to say to Satan:^c "Have you set your heart
upon my servant Job,^o that there is no one
like him in the earth, a man of integrity^o and
upright,^{*} fearing God^{*} and turning aside from
bad?^k Even yet he is holding fast his integrity,
although you inciteⁿ me against him to swal-
low^r him up without cause."⁴ But Satan^t an-
swered Jehovah and said: "Skin^o in behalf of
skin, and everything that a man has he will
give in behalf of his soul.^{dou} 5 For a change,
thrust out your hand,^v please, and touch as far
as his bone and his flesh^o [and see] whether he

^a "The angels," LXX. ^b "The [true] God." M, *ha-Elo-him'*, the definite article *ha* ("The") preceding the title *Elo-him'*. See Genesis 6:2, 4, footnote c; also Job 1:6, footnote a. ^c See Job 1:6, footnote b. ^d Or, "life." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy.chē'*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*.

vLe 24:15
Job 1:11

will not curse^a you to your very face."^y

6 Accordingly Jehovah said to Satan: "There
he is in your hand! Only watch out for his soul^b
itself!"^z 7 So Satan went out away from the
person^c of Jehovah^{*} and struck Job with a
malignant boil^o from the sole of his foot to the
crown of his head.⁸ 8 And he proceeded to take
for himself a fragment of earthenware^o with
which to scrape himself,^{*} and he was sitting in
among the ashes.^o

9 Finally his wife^o said to him:^{*} "Are you yet
holding fast your integrity?^{*} Curse^a God and
die!"^k 10 But he said to her: "As one of the
senselessⁿ women speaks you speak also. Shall
we accept merely what is good from The [true]
God^d and not accept also what is bad?"^r In all
this Job did not sin with his lips.^s

11 And three companions of Job got to hear
of all this calamity that had come upon him,
and they proceeded to come, each one from his
own place, El'iphaz the Te'man-ite^t and Bil'dad
the Shu'hite^u and Zo'phar the Na'a-ma-thite.^v
So they met together by appointment to come
and sympathize with him and comfort^o him.^y
12 When they raised their eyes from far off they
did not then recognize him.^z And they pro-
ceeded to raise their voice and weep^k and ripⁿ
each one his sleeveless coat apart and toss dust^o
toward the heavens upon their heads.¹³ And
they kept sitting^o with him on the earth seven
days and seven nights, and there was no one
speaking a word to him, for they saw that the
pain was very great.

zMr 3:4
*Job 1:12
□Ex 9:11
Le 13:18
De 28:35
Job 30:30
Isa 1:6
Isa 3:17
Ps 22:15
Pr 26:23
*Ps 38:7
Lu 16:20

□Ps 109:9
*2Sa 13:19
Isa 61:3
Eze 27:30
Mt 11:21
*Ge 3:6
Ge 3:12
1Ki 11:4
*Mal 3:14
kJob 1:11
n2Sa 13:13
r2Sa 19:28
Jas 5:10
sPs 39:1
Jas 3:2

tGe 36:11
Jer 49:7
uGe 25:2
1Ch 1:32
vJob 42:9
□Ps 119:76
yGe 37:35
Isa 51:19
zRu 1:19
kJg 2:4
Isa 11:4
nJob 1:20
□Job 16:15

*Ne 9:1
La 2:10
Eze 27:30
□Ezr 9:3
Ne 1:4

^a See Job 1:5, footnote f. ^b Or, "life." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy.chē'*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*. ^c See Job 1:12, footnote d. ^d "The [true] God." M, *ha-Elo-him'*, the definite article *ha* ("The") preceding the title *Elo-him'*.

3 It was after this that Job opened his mouth and began to call down evil upon his day.^a

² Job now reacted and said:

³ "Let the day perish on which I came to be born,^b

"Also the night that someone said, 'A man^a has been conceived!'"

⁴ "As for that day, let it become darkness.

"Let not God^b look for it from above,

"Nor let daylight beam upon it.

⁵ "Let darkness^c and deep shadow^c reclaim it.^c

"Let a rain cloud tent over it.

"Let them terrorize it as with bitter things^d of a day.

⁶ "That night—let gloom take it;^e

"Let it not rejoice among the days of a year;

"Among the number of the months let it not enter.

⁷ "Look! that night—let it become sterile;

"Let no joyful cry come in it.^f

⁸ "Let curses^d of the day execrate^g it,

"Those ready to awaken Le-vi'a-than.^{ea}

⁹ "Let the stars of its twilight grow dark;^h

"Let it wait for the lightⁱ and there be none;^j

"And let it not see the beams of dawn.^k

¹⁰ "For it did not close the doors of my mother's belly^l

^a "A man." M, *geb'er* (poetic here). ^b "God." M, *El.o'ah*; from this comes the plural title *Elo.him'*. See its first occurrence in Deuteronomy 32:15, footnote g. It occurs mainly in the book of Job, in fact, 41 times, from Job 3:4 on. It occurs 16 times in other books of M. ^c Literally, "death shadow." ^d "Curses." M, *arar'*; not the same as in Job 1:5, footnote f; Job 1:11; 2:5, 9. ^e "Le-vi'a-than," *LVgSy*; "the great sea monster," *LXX*.

Job 30:16
Jer 20:14

Job 10:18
Jer 15:10
Jer 20:15
Ps 51:5

Job 33:12

Job 12:22
Ps 23:4
Ps 44:19
Ps 107:10
Am 8:10

Job 10:19

Isa 24:8
Nu 23:8
Nu 24:10
Pr 11:26
Pr 24:24
Job 41:10
Job 30:26
Job 12:22
Jer 13:16
Job 41:18
Ge 20:18
Ge 29:31
Isa 1:5
Job 10:18

Job 10:4
Ec 11:10
Ps 22:10
Jer 15:10
Ho 9:14

Job 10:18
Ps 22:9
Ps 58:8
Ps 71:6
Ps 139:13
Isa 46:3
Ge 30:3
Ge 50:23
Isa 66:12
Eze 16:5
Ge 49:25
Ps 22:9
Ca 1:13
Ec 9:5
Ec 9:10
Job 30:23
v1K1 2:10
Isa 5:8
Eze 26:20

Nu 22:18
1K1 10:27
Zec 9:3
Ps 58:8
1Co 15:8

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Isa 1:10
2K1 4:27
Job 7:15
Pr 31:6
Jer 20:18
Nu 11:15
1K1 19:4
Jon 4:3
Re 9:6

"And so conceal trouble from my eyes.^o

¹¹ "Why from the womb^p did I not proceed to die?^q

"[Why did I not] come forth from the belly itself^r and then expire?^o

¹² "Why was it that knees^r confronted me,

"And why breasts^s that I should take suck?

¹³ "For by now I should have lain down that I might be undisturbed;^t

"I should have slept then, I should be at rest^u

¹⁴ "With kings and counselors of the earth,^v

"The builders of desolate places^a for themselves,^v

¹⁵ "Or with princes who have gold,

"Those who fill their houses with silver;^z

¹⁶ "Or, like a hidden miscarriage,^a I should not come to be,

"Like children that have seen no light.

¹⁷ "There the wicked themselves have ceased from agitation,^q

"And there those weary in power are at rest.^a

¹⁸ "Together prisoners themselves are at ease;

"They actually do not hear the voice of one driving them to work.^j

¹⁹ "Small and great are there the same,^k

"And the slave is set free^o from his master.^b

²⁰ "Why does he give light^o to what is trouble-some,

"And life to those bitter of soul?^k

²¹ "Why are there those waiting for death and it is not,^k

^a Or, by a correction of M, "of pyramids." ^b "Master." M, *a.do.nim'*, the plural of *a.don'*, the plural of excellence.

- "Although they keep digging for it more than for hidden treasures?"^k
- ²² "Those who are rejoicing to gleefulness,^a
"They exult because they find a burial place.
²³ "[Why does he give light] to able-bodied man,^b whose way has been concealed,ⁿ
"And whom God^c hedges in?"
²⁴ "For before my food my sighing comes,^s
"And like waters my roaring cries pour forth.^t
²⁵ "For a dreadful thing I have dreaded and it comes upon me
"And what I have been scared of comes to me."^u
²⁶ "I have not been carefree, nor have I been undisturbed,
"Nor been at rest, and yet agitation comes."^v
- 4** And El'iphaz^y the Te'man-ite proceeded to reply and say:
² "If one does try out a word^d to you, will you become weary?"^z
"But to put a restraint on words^e who is able?"
³ "Look! you have corrected many,"
"And the weak hands you used to strengthen."²
⁴ "Anyone stumbling, your words^e would raise up,^a
"And knees giving way you would make firm."²

^a Or, "at a stone heap"; by a slight correction of M, to make the word correspond with "burial place" in the same verse, as a parallel word. ^b "Able-bodied man." M, *geb'er*; see verse 3, footnote a. ^c "God." M, *Elo'ah*; see verse 4, footnote b. ^d "Word." M, *da-bar*. Used 20 times in the book of Job. ^e "Words." M, *mil-lah*. Used 34 times.

kPr 2:4

nIsa 40:27

rJob 1:10

Job 12:14

Job 19:8

Ps 31:8

La 3:9

Ho 2:6

sJob 7:19

Ps 80:5

Ps 102:9

tPs 22:1

Ps 32:3

Ps 38:8

Isa 59:11

La 3:8

uJob 1:5

Job 31:23

vJob 27:9

Ps 143:11

yJob 2:11

Job 15:1

Job 22:1

Job 42:9

zPs 1:1

2Co 7:10

*Ge 18:19

Pr 10:21

Pr 15:7

Pr 16:21

Isa 50:4

Eph 4:29

Col 4:6

De 3:28

Ezr 6:22

Isa 35:4

Lu 22:32

APs 145:14

Pr 12:18

Pr 16:23

2Co 2:7

2Co 7:6

1Th 5:14

Isa 35:3

Da 5:6

Heb 12:12

*Pr 24:10
2Co 4:16

*Job 1:1

*Job 2:3
*Ps 37:25

Ec 7:15

Ec 9:2

Ac 28:4

kPs 7:14

Jer 4:18

Ho 8:7

Ho 10:13

2Co 9:6

Ga 6:7

nEx 15:8

Ps 18:15

*Ex 15:10

Job 15:30

Isa 11:4

Isa 30:33

cPs 10:9

sPs 57:4

tJob 29:17

Ps 3:7

Ps 58:6

Pr 30:14

uJob 38:39

v1Jo 4:1

Re 16:14

yGe 20:3

Ge 31:24

Ge 41:7

Da 2:1

cPs 19:2

zGe 15:12

Da 8:13

*Ps 119:120

- ⁵ "But this time it comes to you and you become weary;"
"It touches even you and you become terrified.
⁶ "Is not your reverence [the basis of] your confidence?
"Is not your hope even the integrity^e of your ways?
⁷ "Remember, please: Who that is innocent has ever perished?
"And where have the upright^x ever been wiped out?"
⁸ "According to what I have seen, those devising what is hurtful
"And those sowing trouble will themselves reap it.^k
⁹ "Through the breathⁿ of God they perish,
"And through the spirit of his anger they come to an end.^r
¹⁰ "There is the roaring of a lion,^a and the voice of a young lion,^s
"But the teeth^t of maned young lions do get broken down.
¹¹ "A lion is perishing from there being no prey,
"And the cubs of a lion^b are separated from one another."^u
¹² "Now to me a word was stealthily brought
"And my ear proceeded to get a whisper of it,^v
¹³ "In disquieting thoughts from visions^y of the night,²
"When deep sleep^z falls upon men.
¹⁴ "A dread came over me, and a trembling,"
"And the multitude of my bones it filled with dread.

^a An African lion. ^b An Asiatic lion.

- 15 "And a spirit^c itself went passing over my face;^q
 "The hair of my flesh began to bristle.^a
 16 "It began to stand still,
 "But I did not recognize its appearance;
 "A form was in front of my eyes;^q
 "There was a calm and I now heard a voice:^r
 17 "Mortal man^a—can he be more just than God^b himself?^s
 "Or can able-bodied man be purer than his own Maker?^t
 18 "Look! In his servants he has no faith,^u
 "And his messengers^c he charges with faultiness.^{kl}
 19 "How much more so with those dwelling in houses of clay,ⁿ
 "Whose foundation is in the dust!^r
 "One crushes them^d more quickly than a moth.^s
 20 "From morning^o to evening^o they are crushed to pieces;^t
 "Without anyone's taking [it to heart] they perish forever.^u
 21 "Has not their tent cord been pulled out because of them?
 "They die for lack of wisdom.^v
 5 "Call, please! Is there anyone answering you?
 "And to which one of the holy ones^e will you turn?
 2 "For the foolish one vexation will kill,^y
 "And the one easily enticed envying will put to death.^z

oJob 32:8
 qPs 104:4
 Heb 1:14
 aDa 5:6
 b1Sa 28:13
 c1Sa 28:15
 d1Sa 28:16
 Job 9:2
 Job 35:2
 Ps 143:2
 Ec 7:20
 eGe 1:26
 Job 9:30
 Ps 95:6
 Isa 29:16
 Isa 45:9
 Isa 64:8
 Jer 18:6
 Ho 8:14
 fMt 24:45
 klAc 10:22
 nGe 2:7
 2Co 4:7
 2Co 5:1
 rGe 3:19
 Ge 18:27
 Ec 12:7
 oJob 38:7
 cPs 55:17
 sPs 39:11
 Ps 90:6
 Ps 103:15
 Ps 146:4
 Jas 1:11
 1Pe 1:24
 t2Ch 15:6
 uPs 39:13
 vJob 36:12
 Ps 49:20
 Isa 2:22
 Lu 12:20
 yJon 4:9
 zHo 7:11

^a "Mortal man." M, *e.nōsh'*. ^b "God." M, *El-o'ah*. ^c Or, "angels."
^d Or, "They are crushed." ^e "Which one of the holy angels," LXX.

- *Ps 37:35
 Ps 73:3
 oJob 3:8
 aPs 109:13
 Ps 119:155
 rRu 4:11
 2Sa 19:8
 Ru 4:1
 Ru 4:4
 Ps 7:2
 oPr 6:8
 De 28:33
 De 28:51
 Jer 51:34
 cPs 105:35
 kHo 10:4
 Heb 12:5
 oJob 14:1
 nPs 90:9
 rNu 23:3
 2Ch 33:13
 Pr 15:29
 Pr 28:9
 sLu 18:11
 (Ps 40:5
 Ps 86:10
 oJob 36:27
 uPs 65:9
 Am 4:7
 vPs 147:8
 Ac 14:17
 y1Co 3:19
 3 "I myself have seen the foolish one taking root,^a
 "But suddenly I began to execrate^q his abiding place.
 4 "His sons remain far from salvation,^a
 "And they are crushed in the gate^o without a deliverer.^r
 5 "What he harvests^a the hungry one eats,^o
 "And even from butcher hooks^b one takes it,^x
 "And a snare actually snaps at their means of maintenance.^c
 6 "For not from mere dust does what is hurtful go forth,
 "And from mere ground^c trouble does not spring up.^k
 7 "For man^d himself is born for trouble,ⁿ
 "As the very sparks^e fly upward.
 8 "However, I myself would apply to God,^{fr}
 "And to God^g I would submit my cause,^{hs}
 9 "To the Doer of great things unsearchable,ⁱ
 "Wonderful things without number;^t
 10 "To the Giver of rain^o upon the surface of the earth^u
 "And Sender of waters upon the open fields;^v
 11 "Putting those who are low on a high place,
 "So that those who are sad are high up in salvation;
 12 "To the Frustrator of the schemes of the shrewd,^y
 "So that their hands do not work with effect;

^a Literally, "which his harvest [is]," M. ^b Or, "even out of the thorns." ^c By corrections being made this line may read: "And thirsty ones do draw out their milk." ^d *A.dam'*, M. ^e Literally, "the sons of flame," M. ^f Or, "the Divine One." M, *El*; LXX, "Jehovah." ^g "God." M, *El-o'him'*, the plural of *El-o'ah*, the plural of excellence and majesty. LXX, "Jehovah." ^h Or, "suit." ⁱ Literally, "and there is no searching [of them]," M.

- 13 "To the Catcher of the wise in their own cunning,^z
 "So that the counsel of astute ones is carried headlong;"
- 14 "They encounter darkness even by day,
 "And they grope about at midday as if at night;[□]
- 15 "And to the One saving from the sword out of their mouth,[□]
 "And from the hand of the strong one, a poor one,[△]
- 16 "So that for the lowly one there comes to be hope,[□]
 "But unrighteousness actually shuts its mouth."
- 17 "Look! Happy[○] is the man^a whom God^b re-proves;[□]
 "And the discipline of the Almighty[□] do not you reject!¹
- 18 "For he himself causes pain and binds up [the wound];
 "He breaks to pieces and his own hands do the healing.[□]
- 19 "In six distresses[□] he will deliver you,^k
 "And in seven nothing injurious will touch you.ⁿ¹
- 20 "During famine[□] he will certainly redeem you from death,^r
 "And during war from the power^c of a sword.^s
- 21 "From the whip of a tongue you will be hidden,^t
 "And you will not be afraid[□] of violence when it comes.^u
- 22 "At violence and hunger you will laugh,

z Lu 20:23
 1 Co 1:19
 Eph 4:14
 * Ps 18:26
 □ Job 12:25
 Pr 4:19
 Isa 60:2
 □ Ps 8:2
 △ Ps 35:10
 Ps 72:13
 □ 1 Sa 2:8
 * Mt 22:46
 □ Ps 2:12
 □ Ps 94:2
 Jas 1:12
 □ Job 8:3
 □ Pr 3:11
 Heb 12:5
 □ Ps 6:2
 * Ac 10:38
 □ Ps 9:9
 k Ps 34:19
 2 Pe 2:9
 n1 Ps 91:10
 Pr 24:16
 □ Ps 33:19
 r Ge 45:7
 □ Ps 33:19
 s Ps 27:3
 t Ps 55:21
 Isa 54:17
 □ Ps 23:4
 u Ps 91:5

□ Job 37:8
 v Isa 65:25
 Eze 34:25
 * Le 26:6
 Ho 2:18
 □ Ps 28:3
 □ Isa 32:18
 △ Ge 17:6
 Ex 1:7
 De 28:4
 Ps 107:38
 □ Ps 72:16
 * De 34:7
 □ Job 32:11
 * Ps 6:7
 Ps 31:9
 * Job 30:13
 Ps 57:1
 k Pr 27:3
 Mt 11:28
 n Jas 3:2
 r Ps 18:14
 Ps 38:2
 s De 32:24
 t Ps 88:16

- "And of the wild beast[□] of the earth you need not be afraid.^v
- 23 "For with the stones of the field your covenant will be,
 "And the wild beast of the field himself will be made to live at peace with you.^{*}
- 24 "And you will certainly know that peace[□] itself is your tent,[□]
 "And you will be bound to go and see your pasture ground and you will miss nothing.
- 25 "And you will certainly know that your offspring are many[△]
 "And your descendants like the vegetation of the earth.[□]
- 26 "You will come in vigor to the grave,^{*}
 "As when sheaves pile up in their time.
- 27 "Look! This is what we have explored.[□] So is it.
 "Hear it and you—know it for yourself."
- 6 And Job proceeded to answer and say:
 "O that my vexation^{*} were altogether weighed
 "And that at the same time my engulfing ruin^{*} they would put on scales themselves!
- 3 "For now it is heavier even than the sands of the seas.^k
 "That is why my own words have been wild talk."ⁿ
- 4 "For the arrows of the Almighty^a are with me,^r
 "The venom of which my spirit is drinking;^s
 "The terrors from God^b range themselves up against me.^{ct}

^a Or, "mortal man," as at Job 4:17. M, *e-nōsh'*. ^b "God." M, *Elo'ah*.
^c Literally, "hands," M.

^a "Jehovah," LXXVg. ^b "God." M, *Elo'ah*. ^c Or, "cast me out from social intercourse," by the transposition of two letters in M.

- ⁵ "Will a zebra^a cry out over grass,^u
"Or a bull low over its fodder?"^v
- ⁶ "Will tasteless things be eaten without salt,^u
"Or is there any taste in the slimy juice of
marsh mallow?"^u
- ⁷ "My soul has refused to touch [anything].^u
"They are like disease in my food.
- ⁸ "O that my request would come
"And that God^b would grant even my hope!"^u
- ⁹ "And that God^b would go ahead and crush me,
"That he would take his hand away and cut
me off!"
- ¹⁰ "Even it would still be my comfort,
"And I should leap [for joy]^o at [my]
labor pains,
"[Though] he would have no compassion,^c
for I have not concealed the sayings of
the Holy One."
- ¹¹ "What is my power, that I should keep wait-
ing?"^k
"And what is my end,^e that I should keep
prolonging my soul?"^e
- ¹² "Is my power the power of stones?"^a
"Or is my flesh of copper?"
- ¹³ "Is it that self-assistance is not in me,^r
"And effectual working itself has been
chased away from me?"
- ¹⁴ "As regards anyone who withholds loving-
kindness^d from his own fellow,^s
"He will also leave off even the fear of the
Almighty.^t
- ¹⁵ "My own brothers^o have dealt treacherously,^u
like a winter torrent,
"Like the channel of winter torrents that
keep passing away."^v

uJob 24:5
Jer 14:6
vJoe 1:18

*Le 2:13
Lu 14:34

oJob 34:3

uJob 21:27
Ne 1:4
Da 10:3

oJob 11:18
Ps 71:5
Jer 31:17

*Nu 11:15
Job 3:21
Jon 4:3

oJob 3:22

oPr 6:34
*Ps 103:13
Heb 12:7

*Ps 37:30
Ps 40:9
Ac 20:27

kJob 7:7
Ps 103:15
oJob 28:3

nJob 41:24

rPhp 2:12

sMt 25:44
tPs 19:9
Ps 111:10

Jas 4:17
tJo 4:20
oPs 22:22

uGe 37:28
Job 19:19
Ps 41:9

Jer 9:4
Joh 13:18
vJer 15:18

- ¹⁶ "They are dark from ice,
"Upon them snow hides itself.
- ¹⁷ "In due season they become waterless,* they
have been silenced;
"When it grows warm they are dried up
from their place."^u
- ¹⁸ "The paths of their way are turned aside;^a
"They go up into the empty place and
perish."^o
- ¹⁹ "The caravans of Te'ma* have looked,
"The traveling company of Sa-be'ans^a have
waited for them.
- ²⁰ "They certainly are ashamed because they
had trusted;
"They have come clear to the place and
they get disappointed."
- ²¹ "For now YOU men have amounted to nothing;^u
"You see terror and YOU become afraid."^k
- ²² "Is it because I have said: 'GIVE me [some-
thing],ⁿ
"Or from some of YOUR power make a
present in my behalf;
- ²³ "And RESCUE me out of the hand of an ad-
versary,^o
"And out of the hand of tyrants YOU men
should redeem me?"^s
- ²⁴ "INSTRUCT me and I, for my part, shall be
silent,^t
"And what mistake I have committed
MAKE me understand."^u
- ²⁵ "How effective the sayings of uprightness
have proved!^v
"But what does reproving^b on the part of
YOU men reprove?"

*Pr 25:14
Jude 12

oJob 24:19
Pr 26:1
*Ex 32:8
De 31:29

Ps 14:3
Ps 101:3
*Mt 15:14

*Ge 25:15
Isa 21:14
oIsa 45:14

Joe 3:8

*Jer 14:3
Ro 9:33
*Job 13:4

Ps 62:9
klJo 4:18

nIsa 12:3
Ac 20:33
Php 4:13

oJob 19:11
rGe 14:16
Isa 30:18

sNe 5:8
Jer 15:21

tJob 32:11

uPr 3:30

vPr 12:18
Pr 25:11
Ec 12:11

*Job 16:3
Job 21:34
tTi 6:20
tIt 1:10

^a Or, "onager; wild ass." ^b "God." M, *Elo'ah*. ^c Or, "life [as a soul]." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psyche*. ^d Or, "loyal love."

^a Literally, "She'ba," M. ^b "Reproving." The Hebrew verb is in the infinitive absolute and hence impersonal and indefinite as to time.

26 "Is it to reprove words that YOU men scheme,
"When the sayings of one in despair^a are
for mere wind?^a

27 "How much more will YOU cast lots even over
a fatherless^c boy^b
"And barter for YOUR companion!^a

28 "And now go ahead, pay attention to me,
"[And see] whether I shall lie^c to YOUR
very faces.

29 "Return, please—let no unrighteousness
arise—

"Yes, return—my righteousness is yet in it."

30 "Is there unrighteousness on my tongue,^b
"Or does my own palate not discern^k en-
gulfing ruin?

7 "Is there not a compulsory laborⁿ for mor-
tal man on earth,
"And are not his days like the days of a
hired laborer?^r

2 "Like a slave he pants for the shadow,^s
"And like a hired laborer he waits for his
wages.^t

3 "Thus I have been made to possess worthless
months,^u
"And nights of trouble^v they have counted
out to me.

4 "When I have lain down I have also said:
"When shall I get up?"^a

"Or evening has gone its measure, I have
also been filled with restlessness^c until
morning twilight.

5 "My flesh has become clothed with maggots
and lumps of dust;^a

"My skin itself has formed crusts and dis-
solves.

cJob 10:1

aJob 8:2

cJob 31:21

eEx 22:22

Ps 82:3

Mal 3:5

Jas 1:27

eGe 37:28

Mr 14:11

eJob 13:4

Pr 14:5

Joh 8:44

*Job 27:4

Joh 8:45

*Joh 8:46

kHeb 5:14

nJob 14:14

rJob 14:6

Isa 21:16

sIsa 25:4

Isa 32:2

tLe 19:13

De 24:15

Mal 3:5

Jas 5:4

uEc 1:14

vPs 6:6

*Job 30:17

cIsa 54:11

aJob 30:19

cPs 102:11

Jas 4:14

*Job 17:15

ePs 78:39

Ps 89:47

*Job 20:9

*Job 7:21

eJob 37:11

cPs 9:17

k2Sa 14:14

Job 10:21

Job 14:12

nEc 9:5

rJob 10:1

s1Sa 1:10

Pr 14:10

Isa 38:15

tJob 38:8

uGe 1:21

vPs 41:3

*Ge 40:5

Ge 41:8

Jg 7:13

Da 2:1

cJg 16:30

Eze 18:4

Mt 16:25

Jas 5:20

Re 12:11

aGe 27:46

cPs 144:4

*Ps 8:4

Ps 144:3

Heb 2:6

6 "My days themselves have become swifter^b
than a weaver's shuttle,

"And they come to an end in hopelessness."

7 "Remember that my life is wind,^c
"That my eye will not see good again.

8 "The eye of him that sees me will not behold
me;^c

"Your eyes will be upon me but I shall
not be."

9 "The cloud^d certainly comes to its end and goes
away;

"So he that is going down to She'ol^e will not
come up.^k

10 "He will not return any more to his house,
"And his place will not acknowledge him
any more."

11 "I, also, I shall not hold back my mouth.
"I will speak in the distress of my spirit;^{a,r}
"I will be concerned with the bitterness of
my soul!^{bs}

12 "Am I a sea^t or a sea monster,^u
"That you should set a guard over me?

13 "When I said: 'My divan will comfort me,^v
'My bed will help carry my concern,'^v

14 "You even have terrified me with dreams,^v
"And by visions you make me start up in
fright,

15 "So that my soul^b chooses suffocation,
"Death^c rather than my bones.

16 "I have despised [it];^a to time indefinite I
would not live.

"Cease from me, for my days are an ex-
halation.^d

17 "What is mortal man^a that you should rear
him^c

^a "Spirit." M, ru'ahh; Vg, spi'ri-tus. ^b "Soul." M, neph'esh; LXX, psy-che; Vg, a'ni-ma. ^c Or, "make much of him."

"And that you should set your heart^o upon him,
 18 "And that you should pay attention to him every morning,
 "That every moment you should test him?"
 19 "Why will you not turn your gaze from me,"
 "Nor let me alone until I swallow my saliva?"
 20 "If I have sinned, what can I accomplish against you, the Observer of mankind?"
 "Why is it that you have set me as your target, so that I should become a burden to you?"
 21 "And why do you not pardon^o my transgression^k
 "And overlook my error?
 "For now in dustⁿ I shall lie down
 "And you will certainly look for me and I shall not be."

8 And Bil'dad the Shu'hiteⁿ proceeded to answer and say:
 2 "How long will you keep uttering these things,^s
 "When the sayings of your mouth are but a powerful wind?"
 3 "Will God^d himself pervert judgment,^u
 "Or will the Almighty^o himself pervert righteousness?"
 4 "If your own sons have sinned against him,"
 "So that he lets them go into the hand of their transgression,"
 5 "If you yourself will look for God^d
 "And of the Almighty you will implore favor,

^a That is, alone for the briefest time. ^b "Mankind." M, *ha-adam*.
^c "You," LXX and the original Hebrew text. "Myself," M. This is one of the Eighteen Emendations of the original Hebrew text by the Jewish Sopherim. See Genesis 18:22, footnote a. ^d "God." M, *El*.

11 "If you are pure and upright,^o
 "By now he would awake for you"
 "And he would certainly restore your righteous abiding place.
 7 "Also your beginning may have proved to be a small thing,^o
 "But your own end afterward would grow very great."
 8 "Indeed, ask, please, of the former generation
 "And direct [your attention] to the things searched out by their fathers."
 9 "For we were only yesterday^k and we know nothing,
 "Because our days on earth are a shadow."
 10 "Will not they themselves instruct you,^r tell you,^b
 "And from their heart will they not bring forth words?"
 11 "Will a papyrus plant^t grow tall without a swampy place?
 "Will a reed grow big without water?
 12 "While it is yet in its bud, not plucked off,
 "Even ahead of all other grass it will dry up."
 13 "Thus are the pathways^c of all those forgetting God,^d
 "And the very hope of an apostate^e will perish,"
 14 "Whose confidence^f is cut off,
 "And whose trust is a spider's house."^g

11 Job 1:8
 Pr 15:8
 *Ps 44:23

*Zec 4:10

*Job 42:12

*Job 32:9
 Mr 7:8
 Col 2:8
 kGe 47:9

n1Ch 29:15
 Ps 39:5
 Ps 102:11
 Ps 144:4
 rDe 11:19

sMt 12:35

tEx 2:3
 isa 18:2
 isa 35:7

uPs 129:6
 Jas 1:11
 lPe 1:24

viDe 8:11
 Ps 9:17

*Job 27:8
 Pr 10:28
 cJob 31:24

aIsa 59:5

^a LXX, "he will listen to your supplication"; instead of "By now he would awake for you," M. ^b "Tell you," LXX; "say to you," M. ^c "Pathways," M; "the final things (outcome)"; or, "end afterward," LXX. ^d "God," M, *El*; LXX, "the Lord." ^e Or, "ungodly (profane) one"; or, "anyone alienated from God." ^f Or, "web."

- 15 "He will lean upon his house, but it will not keep standing;^o
 "He will take hold of it and it will not last.
- 16 "He is full of sap before the sun,
 "And in his garden his own twig goes forth.*
- 17 "In a stone heap his roots^e become interwoven,
 "A house of stones he beholds.
- 18 "If one swallows him up from his place,^{*}
 "It will also certainly deny him, [saying,]
 'I have not seen you.'^{*}
- 19 "Look! that is the rejoicing of his way,^k
 "And from the dust others spring up.ⁿ
- 20 "Look! God^{ao} himself will not reject anyone of integrity,^{erl}
 "Neither will he take hold of the hand of evildoers,^s
- 21 "Until he fills your mouth with laughter,^t
 "And your lips with joyful shouting.
- 22 "The very ones hating you will be clothed with shame,^u
 "And the tent of wicked ones will not be."^v

9 And Job proceeded to answer and say:
 2 "For a fact I do know that it is so.
 "But how can mortal man be in the right in a case with God?^{b*}

3 "If he should find pleasure in contending with him,^z
 "He cannot answer him once out of a thousand.

4 "He is wise in heart and strong in power.^o
 "Who can show stubbornness to him and come off uninjured?^t

^a "God." M, *El*. ^b "God." M, *El*; LXX, "Jehovah."

^oPs 52:5
^oMt 7:27
^oLu 6:49

^{*}Job 5:3
^{*}Ps 37:35
^oIsa 5:24
^oIsa 40:24
^oJude 12

^{*}Job 7:10
^{*}Ps 37:10

^{*}Job 20:9

^kJob 20:5

ⁿPs 113:7

^oJob 22:2

^oJob 9:22
^rDe 31:6
^o1Ch 28:9
^oPs 9:10
^oPs 37:28
^o2Co 4:9
^sPs 37:9
^oPs 50:21
^tPs 126:2
^oIsa 61:3
^oIsa 65:14
^uPs 35:26
^oPs 109:29
^oPs 132:18
^vPs 37:10

^{*}De 32:4
^oJob 4:17
^oPs 130:3
^oPs 143:2
^oRo 3:23
^oJob 23:4
^oJob 40:2
^oRo 9:20

^oPs 104:24
^oDa 2:20

^{*}Ex 14:17
^o1Co 10:22

^oJob 28:9
^oPs 46:2
^oRe 6:14
^{*}Jer 4:24
^oJer 10:10

^{*}Isa 2:19
^oIsa 13:13
^oHag 2:6
^oRe 20:11
^kPs 75:3

ⁿEx 10:21
^oAm 8:9
^oMt 24:29
^rIsa 13:10
^oEze 32:7
^sGe 1:1
^oPs 33:6
^oIsa 44:24
^tJob 38:11

^uGe 1:16
^oAm 5:8

^vEc 3:11
^oIsa 40:28
^oRo 11:33
^{*}Ps 40:5

^oJob 23:8

^aDa 4:35
^oRo 9:20
^oDe 6:15
^oIsa 31:2
^oZep 2:2

- 5 "He is moving mountains away,^o so that people do not even know [of them],
 "He who has overthrown them in his anger.*
- 6 "He is making the earth go quaking from its place,^{*}
 "So that its very pillars^k shudder.
- 7 "He is saying to the sun^a that it should not shine forth,ⁿ
 "And around stars he puts a seal,^r
- 8 "Stretching out the heavens by himself^s
 "And treading upon the high waves^b of the sea;^t
- 9 "Making the Ash constellation,^c the Ke'sil constellation,^d
 "And the Ki'mah constellation^{eu} and the interior rooms of the South;^f
- 10 "Doing great things unsearchable,^v
 "And wonderful things without number.^{g*}
- 11 "Look! he passes by me and I do not see [him],
 "And he moves on and I do not discern him.^o
- 12 "Look! he snatches away. Who can resist him?
 "Who will say to him: 'What are you doing?'^h
- 13 "God^h himself will not turn back his anger;^o
 "Beneath him the helpers of a stormerⁱ must bow down.

^a "Sun." M, *hher'es*. ^b Literally, "high places," M. ^c "The Ash constellation." M, *Ash*. Many think that the Great Bear is meant here. ^d "The Ke'sil constellation." M, *Kh'sil*. Many think Orion is meant here. ^e "The Ki'mah constellation." M, *Khi-mah*. Many think the Pleiades are meant here. ^f LXX, "The One making the Pleiades and Hesperus and Arcturus and the storerooms of the South"; Vg, "Who makes Arcturus and Orion and the Hyades and the interior rooms of the South." The interior rooms of the South are understood to be the southern constellations below the equator, that is, in the Southern Hemisphere. ^g Compare Job 5:9. ^h "God." M, *El-o'ah*. See Job 3:4, footnote b. ⁱ M, *Ra'hab*.

- 14 "How much more so in case I myself answer him!"
 "I will choose my words with him,"
 15 "Whom I would not answer, even though I were really in the right."
 "Of my opponent-at-law I would implore favor."
 16 "If I called him, would he answer me?"
 "I do not believe that he would give ear to my voice;"
 17 "Who with a storm bruises me
 "And certainly makes my wounds many for no reason."
 18 "He will not grant me my taking^a of a fresh breath,"
 "For he keeps filling me with bitter things."
 19 "If in power anyone is strong,^t there [he is];^b
 "And if in justice [anyone is strong], O that I may be summoned!"
 20 "If I were in the right, my own mouth^c would pronounce me guilty;"
 "Were I of integrity, then he would declare me crooked."
 21 "Were I of integrity," I would not know my soul;
 "I would refuse my life."
 22 "One thing there is. That is why I do say:
 "One of integrity,^o also a wicked one, he is bringing to their end."
 23 "If a flash flood^d itself should cause death suddenly,

*Isa 43:9
 *Ps 19:14
 Pr 17:27

*Job 10:15
 1Co 4:4

*Mt 5:25
 Lu 12:58
 kPs 102:17
 Pr 15:29
 Lu 18:7
 nJg 6:13

rJob 2:6
 Mt 12:20

sJob 7:19

tJob 40:9
 1Co 1:25

uPr 10:19
 Isa 6:5
 Mt 12:37
 Jas 3:2
 vPs 143:2
 Lu 16:15
 *Pr 28:26
 1Jo 3:20

oJob 7:16

oPs 37:37
 *Ec 9:3
 Ro 5:12
 1Pe 3:17

^a "Taking." The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive absolute, hence indefinite as to time, and is here used as a noun-object of the verb "grant." ^b M. "Look!" T. "there he is." ^c "My own mouth," MLXX-VgSy. "His own mouth," only by a correction of M. ^d Or, by another derivation of the Hebrew word, "scourge."

- "At the very despair of the innocent ones he would mock."
 24 "Earth itself has been given into the hand of the wicked one;"
 "The face of its judges he covers."
 "If not, who, then, is it?"
 25 "Also my own days have become swifter than a runner;"
 "They have run away, they will certainly not see good."
 26 "They have moved on like reed boats,
 "Like an eagle^o that darts to and fro for something to eat."
 27 "If I have said: 'Let me forget my concern,'
 "Let me alter my countenance^r and brighten up,"
 28 "I have been scared of all my pains;"
 "I do know that you will not hold me innocent."
 29 "I myself am to become guilty.
 "Why is it that I toil merely in vain?"
 30 "If I actually washed myself in snow water,^v
 "And I actually cleansed my hands^a in potash,"
 31 "Then in a pit you would dip me,^o
 "And my garments^o would certainly detest me."
 32 "For he is not a man^a like me [that] I should answer him,
 "That we should come together in judgment."
 33 "There exists no^b person to decide^c between us,^o
 "That he should put his hand upon both of us.

*Ex 23:7
 Ps 103:13
 Jer 2:34
 Jas 5:11
 *Ps 37:9
 Ps 73:3
 2Co 4:4
 *Ps 89:14
 *1Jo 5:19

*Es 8:14
 Ps 90:10
 Jas 4:14

*Job 39:27

kHab 1:8

nJob 7:13

rNe 2:2

sJob 21:6

tPs 73:13
 vPs 26:6

*Jer 2:22
 Mal 3:2
 *Isa 64:6

oPs 104:2

*Nu 23:19
 Isa 45:9
 1Jo 3:20

*1Sa 2:25
 1Jo 2:1

^a Or, "palms," M. "There exists no," MVg; "If only there were," LXX. ^b Or, "a mediator." LXX, *me.sitēs*, as in 1 Timothy 2:5.

- ³⁴ "Let him remove his rod from upon me,"
 "And his frightfulness, let it not terrify me."
³⁵ "Let me speak^a and not be afraid of him,
 "For I am not so disposed in myself.

10 "My soul^a certainly feels a loathing
 toward my life.^b
 "I will give vent to my concern about my-
 self.^b
 "I will speak in the bitterness of my soul!
² "I shall say to God:^c 'Do not pronounce me
 guilty.'
 "Cause me to know why it is you are con-
 tending with me.^k
³ "Is it good for you that you should do wrong,ⁿ
 "That you should reject the toil^d of your
 hands,^e
 "And that upon the counsel of wicked ones
 you should actually beam?^s
⁴ "Do you have eyes^o of flesh,
 "Or is it as a mortal man sees that you see?^t
⁵ "Are your days like the days of mortal man,^u
 "Or like the days of an able-bodied man
 your years,
⁶ "That you should try to find my error
 "And for my sin you should keep looking?^v
⁷ "This in spite of your own knowledge that I
 am not in the wrong,"
 "And there is no one delivering out of your
 own hand?^w
⁸ "Your own hands have shaped me so that
 they made me^a
 "In entirety round about, and yet you
 would swallow me up.

*Job 13:21
 Ps 39:10

©Ps 65:2
 Ps 88:2

©Ps 23:6
 *Nu 11:15
 Jon 4:3

*Ps 6:2
 Ps 25:7
 Ps 109:21

k1Co 11:31

nGe 18:25
 De 32:4

rJob 14:15
 Isa 64:8

sPs 37:7

©Ps 11:4

l1Sa 16:7
 Isa 55:8

uPs 90:2
 Jer 10:10
 Heb 1:12

vJob 10:14
 Ps 44:21

*Job 1:8
 Ps 7:8
 Ps 26:1

©De 32:39
 Joh 10:29

△Ps 119:73
 Jer 18:6

^a "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psyche*; Vg, *a'nima*. ^b "About my-
 self," MVg; "about him," LXX. ^c "God." M, *Elo'ah*. ^d That is, the
 product of toil. ^e Or, "palms," M.

©Ge 2:7
 Isa 45:9
 Ro 9:21
 *Ge 3:19
 Ec 12:7
 ©Pr 30:33

©Isa 64:8

*Eze 37:6

*Ge 19:19
 Ac 17:28

k1Co 2:7

nRo 3:23

rEx 34:7

sMal 3:18

tJob 9:15
 Lu 17:10

uEx 3:7
 Ps 25:18
 Ps 119:153
 La 5:1

vLu 1:51
 2Ti 3:2
 Jas 4:6
 *Ex 15:7

©Isa 43:10
 Lu 24:48

- ⁹ "Remember, please, that out of clay^y you have
 made me
 "And to dust you will make me return."
¹⁰ "Did you not proceed to pour me out as milk^z
 itself
 "And like cheese to curdle me?^z
¹¹ "With skin and flesh you proceeded to clothe
 me
 "And with bones and sinews to weave me
 together."
¹² "With life and loving-kindness^a you have
 dealt with me"
 "And your own care has guarded my spirit.^b
¹³ "And these things you have hidden away in
 your heart.^k
 "I well know that these things are with you.
¹⁴ "If I have sinnedⁿ and you have kept watch-
 ing me
 "And of my error you do not hold me in-
 nocent;^r
¹⁵ "If I am actually in the wrong, too bad for
 me!^s
 "And [if] I am actually in the right, I may
 not raise my head.^t
 "Filled with dishonor and saturated with
 affliction."
¹⁶ "And [if] it acts haughtily,^v like a young lion
 you will hunt for me
 "And you will again show yourself marvel-
 ous in my case."
¹⁷ "You will bring forth new witnesses^c of
 yours in front of me
 "And you will make your vexation with me
 greater;
 "Hardship after hardship^d is with me.

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Or, "breath." M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *pneuma*; Vg, *spiritus*. ^c "Witnesses," MVg; "weapons," Sy; "testing," LXX.
^d Or, "One shift of compulsory labor after another is with me."

- 18 "So why from a womb did you bring me out?"^a
 "Let me expire,^a that not even an eye may see me.
- 19 "Just as though I had not come to be^b I should have become,
 "From the belly* to the burial place I should have been brought."
- 20 "Are not my days few?^c Let him leave off,
 "Let him turn his gaze from me, that I may brighten up* a little
- 21 "Before I go away—and I shall not come back*—
 "To the land of darkness and deep shadow,^{bk}
- 22 "To the land of obscurity like gloom, of deep shadow^b
 "And disorder, where it beams no more than gloom does."

11 And Zo'phar the Na'a-ma-thiteⁿ proceeded to answer and say:

- 2 "Will a multitude^o of words go unanswered,^r
 "Or will a mere boaster^c be in the right?"
- 3 "Will your empty talk itself put men^d to silence,^{sl}
 "And will you keep mocking without having anyone rebuke [you]?"^t
- 4 "Also you say: 'My instruction^u is pure,
 "And I have proved really clean^v in your eyes.'
- 5 "Yet O if only God himself would speak
 "And open his lips with you!"
- 6 "Then he would tell you the secrets of wisdom,"^q

^a That is, "I ought to have expired [then]." ^b Literally, "death shadow." M. ^c Literally, "a man of lips," M. ^d "Men." M, *m'thim*. Adult males.

- "For the things of practical wisdom are manifold.^a
 "Also you would know^b that God allows some of your error to be forgotten for you.^a
- 7 "Can you find out the deep things of God,^q
 "Or can you find out to the very limit of the Almighty?"
- 8 "It is higher than heaven.* What can you accomplish?
 "It is deeper than She'ol.* What can you know?"
- 9 "It is longer than the earth in measure,*
 "And broader than the sea."
- 10 "If he moves on and hands [someone] over
 "And calls a court, then who can resist him?"^k
- 11 "For he himself well knows men^c who are untrue."
 "When he sees what is hurtful, will he not also show himself attentive?"^r
- 12 "Even a hollow-minded man^{ds} himself will get a heart^t
 "As soon as a colt of a zebra be born a man."^e
- 13 "If you yourself will really prepare your heart^u
 "And actually spread out your palms to him,"^v
- 14 "If what is hurtful is in your hand, put it far away,*
 "And let no unrighteousness dwell in your tents."
- 15 "For then you will raise your face without defect^q

^a Literally, "doubled." M. ^b "Also you would know." Literally, "And know you," M; an imperative. ^c "Men." M, *m'thim*. Adult males. ^d "Man." M, *ish*. ^e "Man." M, *a-dam*.

"And you will certainly become established and you will not fear.^a

¹⁶ "For you—you will forget trouble itself;^b
"As waters that have passed along you will remember [it].

¹⁷ "And brighter than midday will [your] life's duration arise;

"Darkness will become like the morning itself.^c

¹⁸ "And you will be bound to trust because there exists hope;^x

"And you will certainly look carefully around—in security you will lie down.^d

¹⁹ "And you will indeed stretch yourself out with no one's disturbing,

"And many people will certainly put you in a gentle mood;^{ak}

²⁰ "And the very eyes of the wicked will fail;ⁿ
"And refuge itself will certainly perish from them,^r

"And their hope will be an expiring of the soul."^{bs}

12 And Job proceeded to answer and say:
² "For a fact you men are the people,

"And with you wisdom will die out!^t

³ "I too have a heart^u as well as you.

"I am not inferior to you,^{ev}

"And with whom are there not things like these?

⁴ "[One who is] a laughingstock to his fellow^o man I^d become,*

"One calling to God^e that he should answer him.^q

^a Literally, "soften your face," M. ^b "Soul," M, *neph'esh*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*. ^c Literally, "I am not falling behind you," M. ^d "I," MVG; "he," LXXSy. ^e "God," M, *El.o'ah*.

^aPs 27:1
Ps 112:7
^bGe 41:51
Isa 54:4
Re 7:17

^cPs 37:6

^dPs 112:4
Mic 7:8
Lu 2:32

^xPs 43:5
Ro 5:4

ⁿLe 26:6
Ps 3:5
Pr 3:24

^kJob 42:8
Ps 45:12
Isa 60:14
nZec 14:12

^rAm 5:19

^sHo 10:8
Re 6:16
Re 9:6

^tPr 28:11
Isa 5:21
1Co 4:10
uJob 34:10
v2Co 11:5

^oPs 15:3
^pPs 22:7
Mt 27:14
Mt 27:42
Lu 16:14
Ac 17:32
^qMic 7:7
Lu 22:42

"A laughingstock is the righteous, blameless one.

⁵ "In thought, the carefree one has contempt for extinction itself;^a

"It is made ready for those of wobbling feet.^b

⁶ "The tents of the plunderers are unworried,⁺
"And the enragers of God^a have safety

"Belonging to one who has brought a god^b in his hand.^c

⁷ "However, ask, please, the domestic animals and they will instruct you,^x

"Also the winged^o creatures of the heavens and they will tell you.⁺

⁸ "Or speak thoughtfully to the earth^c and it will instruct you,⁺

"And the fishes^o of the sea^q will declare it to you.

⁹ "Who among all these does not well know
"That the hand of Jehovah^d itself has done this,^a

¹⁰ "In whose hand is the soul^e of everyone alive^o
"And the spirit^f of all flesh of man?^{g+}

¹¹ "Does not the ear itself test out words^h
"As the palate tastes food?

¹² "Is there not wisdom among the aged⁺
"And understanding [in] length of days?^h

¹³ "With him there are wisdom and mightiness;⁺
"He has counsel and understanding.⁺

¹⁴ "Look! he tears down, that there may be no building up;^q

^a "God," M, *El*. ^b "A god," M, *el.o'ah*. ^c By a correction this may read: "Or the reptiles of the earth"; or, "Or the wild beasts of the earth." ^d "Jehovah," MLXXVgSy; *Yay*, T. ^e "Soul," M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy.chē*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*. ^f Or, "breath," M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *pneu'ma*; Vg, *spi'ri.tus*; Sy, *ru'hha*. ^g "Man," M, *ish*. ^h Or, "And does not length of days mean understanding?"

^aIsa 22:13
1Co 15:32

^bDe 32:35

⁺Ps 37:35
Ps 73:12

^oJg 17:5

^xNu 22:30
Pr 6:6
Isa 1:3
^oPs 79:2

⁺Jer 8:7

⁺Ps 148:9

^cJob 41:7
^qDe 1:20

^aJer 27:5
Ro 11:36
^bEze 18:4
Mt 10:28
^cPs 145:16

⁺Nu 16:22
Ps 146:4
Da 5:23
^h1Co 10:15
Heb 5:14

⁺Le 19:32
Pr 16:31
Da 7:13
⁺Ps 147:5
Da 2:20
1Co 1:24
⁺Isa 40:14

^qJer 51:64

- "He makes it shut to man, that it may not be opened up.^a
- 15 "Look! he puts a restraint upon the waters and they dry up;^b
- "And he sends them and they change the earth.^c
- 16 "With him there are strength and practical wisdom;^d
- "To him belong the one making a mistake and the one leading astray;^e
- 17 "He is making counselors go barefoot,^{a*}
- "And he makes judges themselves act crazy.
- 18 "The bonds^b of kings he actually loosens,^c
- "And he binds a loincloth upon their hips.
- 19 "He is making priests walk barefoot,^d
- "And permanently seated ones he subverts;^e
- 20 "He is removing speech^d from the faithful ones,
- "And the sensibleness of old men he takes away;
- 21 "He is pouring out contempt upon nobles,^a
- "And the girdle^b of powerful ones he actually weakens;
- 22 "He is uncovering deep things from the darkness^c
- "And he brings forth to the light^d deep shadow;
- 23 "Making the nations^e grow great, that he may destroy them;^f
- "Spreading out the nations, that he may lead them away;

*Isa 22:22

†Ge 8:1
Ex 14:21
Jos 3:16
Na 1:4
*Ge 6:17
Ps 104:8

†Pr 2:7
Pr 8:14

*1Ki 22:22
Mt 13:13
*Isa 29:14
1Co 1:20

*Jer 52:31
Da 2:21

†Isa 28:7
Jer 14:18
Jer 52:24

*Ex 8:24
2Ki 9:23
Ps 107:40
Ac 12:23
†Isa 22:21

†Job 29:3

†Job 18:5
*Ps 44:21
Mt 10:26
1Co 4:5
†Ps 2:1

†Joe 3:10

^a "The One leading counselors captive," LXX; "He leads counselors on to a foolish end," Vg. ^b Literally, "discipline," M. ^c Or, "And overflowing rivers he causes to run dry." ^d Literally, "lip," M.

- 24 "Taking away the heart of the head ones of the people of the land,^a
- "That he may make them wander about in an empty place,^b where there is no way.
- 25 "They grope in darkness,^c where there is no light,
- "That he may make them wander about like a drunken man.^d
- 13 "Look! all this my eye has seen,^e
- "My ear has heard and considers it.^f
- 2 "What YOU men know I myself well know also;^g
- "I am not inferior to YOU.^h
- 3 "However, I myself would speak to the Almighty himself,ⁱ
- "And in arguing with God^b I would find delight.
- 4 "On the other hand, YOU men are smearers of falsehood;^j
- "All of YOU are physicians of no value.^k
- 5 "If only YOU would absolutely keep silent,
- "That it might prove to be wisdom on YOUR part!^l
- 6 "Hear, please, my counterarguments,^m
- "And to the pleadings of my lips pay attention.
- 7 "For God himself will YOU speak unrighteousness,
- "And for him will you speak deceit?ⁿ
- 8 "Will YOU be treating him with partiality,^o
- "Or for The [true] God^c will YOU contend at law?
- 9 "Would it be good that he sound YOU out?^p

*Ex 23:28
Isa 6:9
Isa 19:1

*Ps 107:40

kGe 19:11
De 28:29
1Jo 2:11

nPs 107:27
Isa 19:14

rEph 1:18

sPs 78:3

tJob 12:3

u2Co 11:5

vIsa 1:18
Jer 12:1

*Ex 20:16
Ps 50:19
Ps 119:69
†Eze 34:4

†Pr 17:28
Jas 1:19
†Pr 18:13

*Jer 14:14
Mt 7:22
2Co 4:2
†Job 34:19
Pr 24:23
Mal 3:9

*Ps 139:23
Jer 17:10

^a See Job 12:3, footnote c. ^b "God." M, EL. ^c "The [true] God." M, ha-EL. See Genesis 31:13, footnote a; 35:1, 3, footnote b; 46:3, footnote a; 2 Samuel 22:31, footnote a.

- "Or as one trifles with mortal man will you trifle with him?"^a
- 10 "He will positively reprove you^k
- "If in secrecy you try to show partiality.^{an}
- 11 "Will not his very dignity make you start up with fright
- "And the very dread^s of him fall upon you?"^r
- 12 "Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes;^s
- "Your shield bosses^b are as shield bosses of clay.
- 13 "Keep silent before me, that I myself may speak.
- "Then let come upon me whatever it may be!^t
- 14 "Why do I carry my flesh in my teeth
- "And place my own soul^c in my palm?"^u
- 15 "Even if he would kill me, would I not wait?^{dv}
- "I would only argue to his face for my own ways.
- 16 "He^e would also be my salvation,^{*}
- "For before him no apostate will come in.[□]
- 17 "Hear my word clear through,^a
- "And let my declaration be in your ears.
- 18 "Look! please, I have presented a case of justice;^o
- "I well know that I myself am in the right.
- 19 "Who is the one that will contend with me?"^{*}
- "For now were I to become silent I should simply expire!^o
- 20 "Only two things do^f not do to me;

^a "Show partiality," M; "treat him with partiality," VgSyT. ^b Or, "Your breastworks." ^c "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psyche*; Vg, *u'ni-ma*; compare Judges 12:3; 1 Samuel 19:5. ^d Or, "I would not wait," M; "for him I would wait," M^{mar} in VgSyT. ^e Or, "That." ^f "Do." The Hebrew verb is in the singular number, to agree with "you" or "your(s)" addressed to God in verses 20-27.

- "In that case I shall not conceal myself just on your account;"^{*}
- 21 "Put your own hand^a far away from upon me,
- "And the fright of you—may it not terrify me."^{*}
- 22 "Either call that I myself may answer,^k
- "Or may I speak and you return me answer.
- 23 "In what way do I have errors and sins?"ⁿ
- "Make me to know my own transgressionⁿ and my own sin.
- 24 "Why do you conceal your very face^s
- "And regard me as an enemy of yours?"^t
- 25 "Will you make a mere leaf driven about quiver,
- "Or keep chasing after mere dry stubble?"^u
- 26 "For you keep writing against me bitter things^v
- "And you make me possess [the consequences of] the errors of my youth."^{*}
- 27 "You also keep my feet put in the stocks[□]
- "And you watch all my paths;^a
- "For the soles^b of my feet you mark your own line.
- 28 "And he^c is like a skin bag^d that wears out;^o
- "Like a garment that a moth certainly eats up."^{*}
- 14 "Man,^e born of woman,^o
- "Is short-lived^c and having his fill of turmoil."^{*}
- 2 "Like a blossom he has come forth and is cut off,"^k

^a Or, "palm," M. ^b Literally, "roots," M. ^c "He," M. That is, Job. ^d "Skin bag," LXX; "leather bag," Sy; "rotteness (something rotten)," MVg. ^e "Man," M, *a.dam*.

- "And he runs away like the shadowⁿ and does not keep existing.^a
- ³ "Yes, upon this one you have opened your eye,
"And me^b you bring into judgment^r with you.
- ⁴ "Who can produce someone clean out of someone unclean?^s
"There is not one.^c
- ⁵ "If his days are decided,^t
"The number of his months is with you;
"A decree for him you have made that he may not go beyond.^u
- ⁶ "Turn your gaze from upon him that he may have rest,^{dv}
"Until he takes delight like a hired laborer in his day.
- ⁷ "For there exists hope for even a tree.*
"If it gets cut down, it will even sprout again,^o
"And its own twig will not cease to be.
- ⁸ "If its root grows old in the earth
"And in the dust its stump dies,
- ⁹ "At the scent of water it will sprout³
"And it will certainly produce a bough like a new plant.^a
- ¹⁰ "But an able-bodied man^f dies and lies vanquished,^g
"And an earthling man^g expires and where is he?^h
- ¹¹ "Waters do disappear from a sea,
"And a river itself drains off and dries up.^e

^a Literally, "keep standing," M. See Exodus 9:16, footnote a.
^b "Me," M; "him," LXXVgSy. ^c Or, "No one can." ^d Or, "may cease," as in verse 7. ^e Literally, "yet change," M. ^f "An able-bodied man," M, *geb'er*. ^g "An earthling man," M, *a-dam'*. ^h "Where is he?" M(Vg); "he is no more," LXXSy.

- ¹² "Man^a also has to lie down and does not get up.*
"Until heaven is no more they will not wake up,^h
"Nor will they rouse themselves from their sleep.^b
- ¹³ "O that in She'ol^c you would hide me,^k
"That you would conceal me until your anger turns back,
"That you would set a time limitⁿ for me and remember me!^s
- ¹⁴ "If an able-bodied man^d dies can he live^o again?^t
"All the days of my compulsory service I shall wait,^u
"Until my relief comes.^v
- ¹⁵ "You will call and I myself shall answer you.*
"For the work of your hands you will have a yearning.
- ¹⁶ "For now you keep counting my very steps;³
"You do not watch but for my sin.
- ¹⁷ "Sealed up in a bag is my transgression,^a
"And you glue over my error.
- ¹⁸ "However, a mountain itself, falling, will fade away,^g
"And even a rock⁺ will be moved away from its place.
- ¹⁹ "Water^o certainly rubs away even stones;
"Its outpouring washes off earth's dust.^x

^a "Man." M, *ish*. ^b By slight corrections: "he will not wake up, Nor will he rouse himself from his sleep," to agree with Vg. ^c "She'ol," M; *shi-ul'*, Sy; *Hai'des*, LXX; *in-fer'nus*, Vg. That is, the common, underground place of the dead. The Hebrew word *sh'ol* is of uncertain derivation. See Genesis 37:35, footnote a; also Volume I, Appendix, page 851. ^d "An able-bodied man," M, *geb'er*.

"So you have destroyed the very hope of mortal man.^a"

²⁰ "You overpower him forever so that he goes away,^k

"You are disfiguring his face so that you send him away.

²¹ "His sons get honored but he does not know [it],ⁿ

"And they grow insignificant but he does not consider them.

²² "Only his own flesh while upon him will keep aching,^r

"And his own soul^b while within him will keep mourning."^{cs}

15 And El'iphaz the Te'man-ite proceeded to answer and say:

² "Will a wise person himself answer with windy knowledge,^d^{ot}

"Or will he fill his belly with the east wind?^u

³ "Merely reproving with a word will be of no use,

"And mere utterances will be of no benefit by themselves.^v

⁴ "However, you yourself make fear of no effect,^{*}

"And you diminish one's being concerned before God.^e[□]

⁵ "For your error trains your mouth,^f⁴

^a "Mortal man." M, *e-nōsh'*. ^b "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; Sy, *n'phesh*; LXX, *psy.chē'*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*. ^c Or, "Only his own kin (fleshly relatives) will keep aching for him, And his own slaves (acquired souls) will keep mourning over him."—Genesis 37:27; Isaiah 58:7; Genesis 12:5; 14:21; 36:6; Ezekiel 27:13; Revelation 18:13, footnote c. ^d Literally, "knowledge of wind [*ru'ahh*, M]." ^e "God." M, *El*. ^f Or, "your mouth teaches your error." Sy, "your mouth teaches sin." LXX, "you are guilty by the words of your mouth."

#Pr 13:12
Ec 3:19

kEc 8:8

nIsa 4:20
Ps 39:6
Isa 63:16

rJob 14:1

sIsa 1:10
Job 19:2
Ps 88:3

cJob 36:12
tAc 17:18
uGe 41:6
Isa 27:8
Jer 18:17
Ho 12:1

vJob 26:3

*Joh 8:32
1Jo 4:18

□Ps 40:8

42Ch 18:15
Joh 10:33

"And you choose the tongue of shrewd people.ⁱ

⁶ "Your mouth pronounces you guilty, and not I; "And your own lips answer against you."^{*}

⁷ "Were you the very first man^a to be born,^o "Or before the hills^{3x} were you brought forth with labor pains?

⁸ "To the confidential talk of God^b do you listen,^h "And do you limit wisdom to yourself?^k

⁹ "What do you actually know that we do not know?ⁿ

"What do you discern that is not also with us?

¹⁰ "Both the gray-headed and the aged one are with us,^r

"The one greater than your father in days.

¹¹ "Are the consolations of God^{cs} not enough for you,

"Or a word [spoken] gently with you?

¹² "Why does your heart^{tl} carry you away "And why do your eyes flash?

¹³ "For you turn back your spirit against God^c himself,^u

"And you have caused words to go forth from your own mouth.

¹⁴ "What is mortal man^d that he should be clean,¹

"Or that anyone born of a woman should be in the right?

¹⁵ "Look! in his holy ones he has no faith,[□] "And the heavens themselves are actually not clean in his eyes.⁴¹

¹⁶ "How much less so anyone because of being detestable and corrupt,^o

oIsa 50:4
Isa 54:17
Mt 10:16

+Mt 26:65

cGe 4:1

cPs 65:12
*Pr 8:25

*De 29:29
Ps 25:14
Pr 3:32
Am 3:7
kMt 13:11

nMt 11:25
Joh 9:40
1Co 2:8

rJob 32:6
Pr 16:31

s2Co 1:4

tlPs 24:4
Ro 10:10

uJoh 8:48

*12Ch 6:36
Ps 51:5
Ro 8:33
Re 7:14
Re 14:5

□Pr 8:30
Re 20:6

4IPs 20:6

cPs 14:1
Ro 1:28
Tit 1:16

^a "Man." M, *a.dam'*. ^b "God." M, *El-o'ah*. ^c "God." M, *El*. ^d "Mortal man." M, *e-nōsh'*.

- "A man who is drinking in unrighteousness just like water!"
 17 "I shall declare it to you. Listen to me!"
 "Even this I have beheld, so let me relate [it],
 18 "That which wise ones^a themselves tell
 "And which they did not conceal, [it being] from their fathers.
 19 "To them alone the land was given,
 "And no stranger passed through the midst of them.
 20 "All his days a wicked one is suffering torture,^k
 "Even the very number of years that have been reserved for the tyrant.
 21 "The sound of dreadful things is in his ears;ⁿ
 "During peace a despoiler himself comes upon him.^r
 22 "He does not believe that he will come back out of darkness,^s
 "And he is reserved for a sword.^t
 23 "He is straying about in search of bread^a—where is it?^u
 "He well knows that the day of darkness^v is ready at his hand.
 24 "Distress and anguish keep terrifying him;^{*}
 "They overpower him like a king in readiness for the assault.[□]
 25 "In case he stretches out his hand against God^b himself^a
 "And over the Almighty he tries to show himself superior,[□]
 26 "[In case] he runs against him stiff-neckedly,^{*}
 "With the thick bosses of his shields;

+Pr 19:28

□Job 5:27

*Job 15:10

k1Ti 6:10

Jas 5:1

Jas 5:3

nLe 26:36

2Ki 7:6

rPs 92:7

1Th 5:3

sIsa 8:22

Jude 13

tJer 25:31

□Ps 37:25

uPs 59:15

vJoe 2:2

Zep 1:15

*Pr 1:27

Ro 2:9

□Pr 6:11

ALe 26:23

Da 5:23

Mal 3:13

Ac 5:39

□Ge 10:9

Ps 2:2

Isa 14:13

+Ex 33:5

Ac 7:51

- 27 "In case he actually covers his face with his fattiness
 "And he puts on fat upon his loins,[□]
 28 "He merely resides in cities[□] that are to be wiped out;
 "In houses in which people will not keep dwelling,^{*}
 "Which certainly prove destined for heaps of stones.^{*}
 29 "He will not grow rich and his wealth will not mount up,^k
 "Nor will he spread out their acquisition^a over the earth.^u
 30 "He will not turn away from darkness;^r
 "His twig a flame will dry up,^s
 "And he will turn aside by a blast^b of his mouth.^t
 31 "Let him put no faith in worthlessness by being led astray,^u
 "For what he gets in exchange will prove to be mere worthlessness;
 32 "Before his day^c will it be fulfilled.
 "And his shoot itself will certainly not grow luxuriantly.^v
 33 "He will thrust away his unripe grapes just like a vine,
 "And cast off his blossoms just like an olive tree.^{*}
 34 "For the assembly[□] of apostates is sterile,[□]
 "And fire itself certainly eats up the tents of bribery.^{□a}
 35 "There is a conceiving of trouble and a giving birth to what is hurtful,[□]
 "And their belly itself prepares deceit."

□De 32:15

Ps 17:10

Jer 5:28

□Ps 48:1

*Isa 5:9

*Jer 9:11

Jer 26:18

kPs 49:17

Lu 12:20

Jas 5:2

n1Ps 37:9

rPs 107:10

Isa 60:2

2Pe 2:17

sMt 25:41

2Th 1:9

tIsa 11:4

Re 19:15

uPs 62:10

Ga 6:3

Eph 5:6

vPs 52:5

Ho 9:16

Joh 15:6

*De 28:40

Re 6:13

□Ps 1:5

□Isa 33:14

□Ps 26:10

Δ1Sa 8:3

Am 5:12

□Ps 7:14

Isa 59:4

Jas 1:15

^a Or, "food." ^b "God." M, *El*.

^a "Acquisition." The word in M is of doubtful meaning here, *LXX*, "shadow." Vg, "root." ^b M, *ru'ahh*. ^c Literally, "In not his day," M.

16 And Job proceeded to answer and say:
² "I have heard many things like these.
 "All of YOU are troublesome comforters!"
³ "Is there an end to windy words?
 "Or what galls^a you, that you answer?"
⁴ "I myself also could well speak as YOU men do.
 "If only YOUR souls existed in the place of
 my soul,
 "Would I be brilliant in words^b against YOU,
 "And would I wag my head against YOU?"¹
⁵ "I would strengthen YOU with the words of my
 mouth,^k
 "And the consolation of my own lips would
 hold back—.
⁶ "If I do speak, my own pain is not held back,ⁿ
 "And if I do cease doing so, what goes away
 from me?
⁷ "Only now he has made me weary;^r
 "He has made all those assembling with
 me desolate.
⁸ "He also seizes me. It has become a witness,^s
 "So that my leanness rises up against me.
 In my face it testifies.
⁹ "His very anger has torn me to pieces and he
 harbors animosity^t against me.
 "He actually grinds his teeth against me."^u
 "My adversary himself sharpens his eyes
 against me."^v
¹⁰ "They have opened their mouth wide against
 me,^{*}
 "With reproach they have struck my
 cheeks,[□]
 "In large number they mass themselves
 against me."[^]

+Job 13:4
 Job 19:2
 Phil 1:17

+Ec 10:14
 Tit 1:11

+Mt 7:12
 Ro 12:15
 +1Ps 44:14
 Ps 109:25
 Mt 27:39

kJob 4:3
 Pr 27:9
 Isa 50:4
 Isa 61:2
 Ga 6:1
 nPs 77:2

rPs 6:6
 Jer 6:11
 Jer 20:9

sGe 31:50
 Ex 23:1
 Job 16:19

tGe 27:41
 Ps 55:3
 uPs 35:16
 Ps 37:12

vMic 7:8

*Job 29:23

□1Ki 22:24
 Mt 26:67
 Joh 18:22
 ΔPs 94:21
 Ac 4:27
 Ac 23:12

^a More literally, "pains (offends)," M. ^b Or, "Let me join words," according to another derivation of the verb.

¹¹ "God^a hands me over to young boys,^b
 "And into the hands of wicked ones he
 throws me headlong.[□]
¹² "I had come to be at ease but he proceeded to
 shake me up,^{*}
 "And he grabbed me by the back of the
 neck and proceeded to smash me,[□]
 "And he sets me up as a target for himself.
¹³ "His archers^{*} encircle me;
 "He splits open my kidneys^{*} and feels no
 compassion;
 "He pours out my gall bladder to the very
 earth.
¹⁴ "He keeps breaking through me with breach
 after breach;
 "He runs at me like a mighty one.^k
¹⁵ "Sackcloth^{on} I have sewed together over my
 skin,
 "And I have thrust my horn^r in the very
 dust.[□]
¹⁶ "My face itself has become reddened from
 weeping,^s
 "And upon my eyelids there is deep
 shadow,^{ct}
¹⁷ "Although there is no violence upon my palms
 "And my prayer is pure."^u
¹⁸ "O earth, do not cover my blood!^{□v}
 "And let there prove to be no place for my
 outcry!
¹⁹ "Also now, look! in the heavens is one testify-
 ing about me,^{*}
 "And my witness^d is in the heights."[□]

□Joh 19:11

+Job 1:12
 Mt 24:9

□Ps 44:22
 Joh 16:2

*Ge 49:23

*Jer 11:20
 La 3:13

kJg 15:8
 Ps 42:7
 □Isa 3:24
 n1Ki 21:27
 Re 11:3
 r1Sa 2:10
 Ps 75:10
 □Job 34:15

sPs 31:9
 Ps 69:3

tPs 116:3

uPs 66:19
 Pr 15:8
 □Ps 16:4
 vGe 4:10
 Ps 72:14
 Heb 11:4

*1Sa 12:5
 □Ps 113:5
 Ro 1:9
 1Th 2:10

^a "God." M, El. ^b Literally, "a young boy," M; "an unjust one," LXXVgSy. ^c Or, more literally, "death shadow," M. ^d M, sa-hēd'; an Ara-ma'ie loanword. See Genesis 31:47, footnote a.

- ²⁰ "My companions are spokesmen against me;^a
 "To God^a my eye has looked sleeplessly.^b
- ²¹ "And one decides between an able-bodied man
 and God,^a
 "As between a son of man^b and his fellow.^c
- ²² "For just a few years^c are to come,
 "And by the path by which I shall not re-
 turn I shall go away.^d
- 17** "My very spirit^d has been broken,^e my
 own days have been extinguished;
 "The graveyard is for me.^f
- ² "Certainly there is mockery at me,^g
 "And amid their rebellious behavior my
 eye spends the night.
- ³ "Please, do put my security with yourself.^h
 "Who else is there that will shake hands
 with me in pledge?
- ⁴ "For their heart you have closed to dis-
 cernment.ⁱ
 "That is why you do not exalt them.
- ⁵ "He may tell companions to take their shares,
 "But the very eyes of his sons will fail.^j
- ⁶ "And he has set me forth as a proverbial say-
 ing^k of peoples,
 "So that I become someone into whose face
 to spit.^l
- ⁷ "And from vexation my eye grows dimmer^m
 "And my members are all of them like the
 shadow.
- ⁸ "Upright people stare in amazement at this,ⁿ
 "And even the innocent one gets excited
 over the apostate.

^a "God." M, *El-o'ah*. ^b "Man." M, *a.dam'*. ^c LXX, "just numbered years." ^d Or, "breath." See Job 12:10, footnote f.

- ⁹ "The righteous one keeps holding fast to his
 way,^o
 "And the one with clean hands^a keeps in-
 creasing in strength.^b
- ¹⁰ "However, YOU men may all of YOU return.
 So come, please,
 "As I do not find anyone wise among YOU.^c
- ¹¹ "My own days have passed along,^d my own
 plans have been torn apart,
 "The wishes of my heart.
- ¹² "Night they keep putting for day:^e
 "Light is near on account of darkness.^f
- ¹³ "If I keep waiting, She'ol^a is my house;^g
 "In the darkness^h I shall have to spread out
 my lounge.
- ¹⁴ "To the pitⁱ I shall have to call out: 'You are
 my father!'^j
- "To the worm:^k 'My mother and my sister!'
- ¹⁵ "So where, then, is my hope?^l
 "And my hope—who is it that beholds it?
- ¹⁶ "To the bars of She'ol^a they^b will go down,
 "When we, all together, must descend to
 the very dust."^u
- 18** And Bil'dad the Shu'hite proceeded to
 answer and say:
- ² "How long will YOU people try to set limits to
 words?
 "You should understand, that afterward
 we may speak.
- ³ "Why should we be reckoned as beasts^c?
 "[And] be regarded as unclean^d in YOUR
 eyes?^e

^a M, *sh'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *infer'nus*. ^b "They," feminine gender, hence referring to "hope" (twice) of verse 15. ^c Or, "be stupid," according to Neo-Hebrew.

- ⁴ "He is tearing his soul^a to pieces in his anger.
 "For your sake will the earth be abandoned^a
 "Or a rock move away from its place?"
- ⁵ "The light^c also of wicked ones will be extinguished^c
 "And the spark of his fire will not shine.
- ⁶ "A light itself will certainly grow dark in his tent,^c
 "And in it his own lamp will be extinguished.
- ⁷ "His steps of vigor^b will become cramped.
 "Even his counsel will cast him off."
- ⁸ "For he will indeed be let go into a net by his feet,
 "And onto a network he will walk."^c
- ⁹ "A trap will seize [him] by the heel;^c^k
 "A snareⁿ keeps hold upon him.
- ¹⁰ "A snare cord for him is secretly fixed in the earth,
 "And a catching device for him on [his] pathway.
- ¹¹ "Round about, sudden terrors certainly make him start up in fright,^r
 "And indeed chase him at his feet."^r
- ¹² "His vigor^b becomes hungry,^t
 "And disaster^u stands ready to make him limp.
- ¹³ "It will eat the pieces of his skin;^{cv}
 "The first-born^o of death^d will eat his limbs.
- ¹⁴ "His confidence will be torn away from his own tent^o
 "And it will march him to the king of terrors."^c

aIsa 54:10

cJob 29:24

*Pr 4:19
Pr 13:9
Pr 24:20

cRe 18:23

*2Sa 15:31
Ps 33:10
1Co 3:19*Es 7:10
Ps 9:15
Ps 38:12
cPs 41:9
kGe 3:15
nJob 5:5rPs 73:19
Jer 6:25
Jer 46:5
sLe 26:36
2Ki 7:6
tIsa 2:5
Ps 34:10
uJob 31:3vLa 4:8
Mlc 3:2
cPs 89:27
*Re 6:8

cMt 7:27

dPs 55:4
Heb 2:15

^a "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*. ^b Or, "uncanny power." ^c By slight corrections M may read: "His skin will be eaten by disease."
^d "The first-born of death," M. That is, the most deadly disease.

- ¹⁵ "There will reside in his tent something that is not his;
 "Sulphur will be strewed upon his own abiding place.^o
- ¹⁶ "Underneath will his very roots dry up,⁺
 "And, up above, his bough will wither.
- ¹⁷ "The very mentioning of him will certainly perish from the earth,^o
 "And he will have no name^o out in the street.
- ¹⁸ "They will push him out of the light into the darkness,
 "And from the productive land^a they will chase him away."
- ¹⁹ "He will have no posterity and no progeny among his people,"
 "And there will be no survivor in his place of temporary residence.
- ²⁰ "At his day the people in the West will indeed stare in amazement,^k
 "And a shudder will certainly seize even the people in the East.
- ²¹ "Only these are the tabernacles of an evildoer,
 "And this is the place of one that has not known God."^{bn}
- 19** And Job proceeded to answer and say:
² "How long will you men keep irritating my soul"
 "And keep crushing me with words?"^s
- ³ "These ten times^t you proceeded to rebuke me;
 "You are not ashamed^u [that] you deal so hard with me.
- ⁴ "And, granted that I have made a mistake,^v

cDe 29:23
Ps 11:6
Re 21:8
*Isa 5:24
Ho 9:16
Mal 4:1
cPs 34:16
Ps 83:4
Pr 10:7
cPs 22:22

*Da 4:33

*Ps 109:13
Isa 14:22
Jer 22:30kDe 29:24
1Ki 9:8
Jer 18:16nEx 5:2
Isa 2:12
Ps 79:6
Jer 9:3
Jer 10:25
1Th 4:5
2Th 1:8
Tit 1:16
rJg 16:16
Ps 13:2
Ps 42:10
2Pe 2:8
sPs 55:21
Jas 3:8
tGe 31:7
Nu 14:22
Ne 4:12
Re 2:10
uJer 6:15
v2Ch 6:36
Ro 3:23

^a "The productive land." M, *te.bél'*; Vg, *or'bis* ("[terrestrial] circle"). ^b "God." M, *El*.

- "It is with me that my mistake will pass the night.^a"
- ⁵ "If for a fact against me you men do put on great airs[□]"
- "And you show my reproach[○] to be proper against me,[△]"
- ⁶ "Know, then, that God^b himself has misled me
"And his hunting net he has closed in upon me.[§]"
- ⁷ "Look! I keep crying out: 'Violence!' but I get no answer;"
"I keep crying for help, but there is no justice.[®]"
- ⁸ "My very path he has blocked with a stone wall and I cannot pass over;
"And upon my roadways he puts darkness itself.^{*}"
- ⁹ "My own glory[○] he has stripped from me,^{*}
"And he takes away the crown of my head."
- ¹⁰ "He pulls me down on all sides and I go away,^k
"And he pulls my hope out just like a tree."
- ¹¹ "His anger also grows hot against me,ⁿ
"And he keeps reckoning me as an adversary[○] of his.^r"
- ¹² "Unitedly his troops come and cast up their way against me,
"And they camp round about my tent."
- ¹³ "My own brothers he has put far away from me,^s
"And the very ones knowing me have even turned aside from me."

*2Co 5:10
Ga 6:5

□Ps 35:26
Zep 2:10

○Ps 15:3

△Lu 13:2
Re 12:10

§Ps 44:9
Ps 66:11
La 1:13

*Ps 22:2
Jer 20:8
Hab 1:2

®Lu 18:7

□Ps 23:4
Isa 50:10
Jer 13:16

○Ps 3:3
#Eze 37:11

kPs 88:14
2Co 4:9

nPs 30:5
Ps 89:46
Ps 90:7

○Ps 27:2
rJob 13:24

sPs 31:11
Ps 38:11
Ps 69:8
Mt 10:35
Mt 26:56

^a LXX adds: "by saying a thing that was not necessary, and my sayings [utterances] are mistaken [err] and not seasonable [timely]."
^b "God." M, *El.o'ah*, of which *El.o.kim'* is the plural form.

- ¹⁴ "My intimate acquaintances^a have ceased to be,^t
"And those known by me have themselves forgotten me,"
- ¹⁵ "Those temporarily dwelling in my house;^u
and my slave girls^v themselves reckon me as a stranger;
"A real foreigner^{○*} I have become in their eyes."
- ¹⁶ "To my servant I have called but he does not answer.
"With my own mouth I keep imploring him for compassion."
- ¹⁷ "My breath^b itself has become loathsome to my wife,[△]
"And I have become foul-smelling to the sons of my [mother's] belly.^c"
- ¹⁸ "Also young boys themselves have rejected me;[§]
"Let me but rise up and they begin to speak against me."
- ¹⁹ "All the men of my intimate group detest me,^{*}
"And those whom I loved have turned against me.[®]"
- ²⁰ "To my skin and to my flesh my bones actually cleave,^x
"And I escape with the skin of my teeth.^{d#}"
- ²¹ "Show me favor, show me favor, O you my companions,^k
"For God's^e own hand has touched me."
- ²² "Why do you men keep persecuting me as God^f does,ⁿ"

tPs 55:12
Jer 20:10
Mt 10:21
Joh 13:18

uJob 31:32

vEzr 2:65

○Ps 69:8
*De 14:21

△Job 2:9
Mr 10:29

®Lu 22:48

*Ps 41:9
Ps 55:12

§2Ki 2:23
Isa 3:5

xJob 33:21
Ps 22:17
Ps 102:5
#2Co 1:10

kMt 5:7
Mt 25:45
Mr 9:41
Ga 6:2

nPs 69:26
Ro 14:4

a Or, "My relations." b Or, "spirit." M, *ru'ahh*; Vg, *ha'litus*. c Literally, "my belly." But compare Job 3:10. d Or, by another derivation of the verb and some corrections, M may read: "And my flesh becomes hairless in my teeth." Compare Job 13:14. e "God's." M, *El.o'ah*. f "God." M, *El*.

"And not have YOUR fill of my own flesh?

²³ "O that now my words were written down!

"O that in a book^o they were even inscribed!^r

²⁴ "With an iron^o stylus^s and [with] lead, "Forever in the rock O that they were hewn!^t

²⁵ "And I myself well know that my redeemer^{a@u} is alive,

"And that, coming after [me], he will rise up^v over [the] dust.

²⁶ "And after my skin, [which] they have skinned off,^o—this!

"Yet reduced in my flesh^b I shall behold God,^c

²⁷ "Whom even I shall behold for myself,^o

"And [whom] my very eyes will certainly see,^a but not some stranger.

"My kidneys have failed deep within me.

²⁸ "For you men say: 'Why do we keep persecuting^o him?'

"When the very root of [the] matter is found in me.^d

²⁹ "Be frightened for yourselves because of a sword,⁺

"For the sword means a raging against errors,

"In order that YOU men may know there is a judge."^{e@}

^oPs 40:7

^rIsa 30:8

^oJob 40:18

^sJer 17:1

^tDe 27:8

^jos 4:21

^oPs 19:14

^uIsa 54:5

^oEph 1:7

^vGe 3:15

^sPs 2:6

^aIsa 53:2

^joh 15:20

^oNu 24:17

^sPs 17:15

^aMal 3:1

^oEph 1:18

^rRe 1:7

^oPs 69:26

^uLu 21:12

^aRo 13:4

^rRe 19:15

^oPs 58:11

^oEc 11:9

^oMt 7:2

^a Or, "repurchaser." ^b Literally, "Yet out of my flesh"; or, "Yet apart from my flesh," M. ^c "God." M, *Elo'ah*. ^d "Is found in me," M; "we shall find in him," LXX. ^e "There is a judge," by a correcting of the vowel points of M; in agreement with T. (See 1 Samuel 24:15.) Others would read it: "there is an Almighty."

20 And Zo'phar the Na'a-ma-thite proceeded to reply and say:

² "Therefore do my own disquieting thoughts themselves answer me,"

"Even on account of my inward excitement.

³ "An insulting exhortation to me I hear,

"And a spirit without the understanding that I have^k replies to me.

⁴ "Have you at all times known this very thing,

"Since man^a was put upon the earth,ⁿ

⁵ "That the joyful cry of wicked people is short^t"

"And the rejoicing of an apostate is for a moment?

⁶ "Although his excellency ascends to heaven itself^s

"And his very head^o reaches to the clouds,

⁷ "Like his manure cakes he perishes forever;^t

"The very ones seeing him will say: 'Where is he?'^u

⁸ "Like a dream he will fly off and they will not find him,

"And he will be chased away like a vision of the night.^v

⁹ "The eye that has caught sight of him will not do so again,^o

"And no more will his place behold him.^o

¹⁰ "His own sons will seek the favor of needy people,^a

"And his own hands will give back his valuable things.

¹¹ "His own bones have been full of his youthful vigor,

^o1Jo 4:1

^k1Co 1:20

^jCo 3:19

ⁿGe 1:27

^rGe 6:3

^sEs 5:11

^tJob 21:7

^uPs 37:35

^vPs 92:7

^sGe 11:4

^oIsa 14:13

^tMt 11:23

^uPs 109:25

^v1Ki 14:10

^o2Ki 9:37

^uJer 8:2

^uIsa 14:16

^vPs 73:20

^oIsa 29:7

^aPs 37:10

^oPs 37:36

^oJob 8:18

^aPs 109:10

^a Or, "Adam." M, *a-dam'*.

- "But with him it will lie down in mere dust."
 12 "If what is bad tastes sweet in his mouth,"
 "If he causes it to melt away under his tongue,
 13 "If he has compassion upon it and does not leave it,"
 "And if he keeps holding it back in the midst of his palate,
 14 "His food itself will certainly be changed in his own bowels;"
 "It will be the gall of cobras within him.
 15 "Wealth he has swallowed down,^k but he will vomit it up;ⁿ
 "God^a will drive it out from his very belly."
 16 "The venom of cobras he will suck;
 "The tongue of a viper will kill him."
 17 "He will never see^s the watercourses,^t
 "Torrential streams of honey and butter."
 18 "He will be giving back [his] acquired property and will not swallow [it] down;
 "Like wealth from his trade, but which he will not enjoy."
 19 "For he has crushed to pieces, he has left needy ones;"
 "He has snatched away a house itself that he did not proceed to build."
 20 "For he will certainly know no ease in his belly;
 "By his desirable^o things he will not escape."
 21 "There is nothing left over for him to devour;
 "That is why his well-being will not endure."
 22 "While his plenty is at its peak he will be feeling anxious;"

^a "God." M, El.

*Ge 3:19
 Ec 3:20
 Eze 32:27
 *Ge 3:6
 Ps 109:18
 Pr 9:17
 Pr 20:17

*Mt 5:29
 Ro 8:13
 Jas 1:15

*Ps 38:7

k1Ti 6:9
 nPr 23:8
 Mt 27:3
 rPr 11:4
 Zep 1:18

zDe 32:24
 Isa 30:6
 sNu 14:23
 Jer 17:6
 tPs 36:8
 Re 22:1
 uDe 32:13
 Ps 81:16

vLu 12:20

*Ps 12:5
 Pr 14:31
 Jas 5:4

o1Ki 21:19
 Isa 5:8

oPs 19:10
 aPr 11:4
 Zep 1:18

oJer 17:11
 Jas 5:2
 Re 18:9

*Ec 5:12
 1Ti 6:8

- "All the power^a of misfortune itself will come against him.
 23 "Let it occur that, to fill his belly,
 "He will send his burning anger upon him"
 "And will rain" [it] upon him, into his intestines.
 24 "He will run away" from armor of iron;
 "A bow of copper^k will cut him up.
 25 "A missile^b itself will even go out through his back,
 "And a glittering weapon^{cn} out through his gall;
 "Frightful objects will go against him."
 26 "All darkness^s will be reserved for his treasured things;
 "A fire that no one fanned will eat him up;^t
 "It will go badly with a survivor in his tent.
 27 "Heaven will uncover his error,^u
 "And earth will be in revolt against him.
 28 "A heavy shower will roll his house away;^{dv}
 "There will be things poured forth on the day of his anger."
 29 "This is the share of the wicked man^e from God,^f
 "Even his stated inheritance from God."^g
 21 And Job proceeded to answer and say:
 2 "LISTEN attentively to my word,^a
 "And let this become YOUR consolation.
 3 "PUT up with me and I myself shall speak,
 "And after my speaking you may [each] mock."^o

eNu 11:33
 Ps 78:31
 *Ge 19:24
 Ex 9:23

#1Ki 20:30
 Isa 24:18
 Jer 48:44
 Am 9:2
 k2Sa 22:35

nDe 32:41

rLu 21:26

sIsa 8:22
 Mt 8:12

tIsa 30:33
 Mt 3:12
 Jas 5:3

uPs 44:21
 Jer 29:23
 Mal 3:5
 Lu 12:2
 vDe 7:23
 Mt 7:27

*De 29:20
 Ps 11:6

oPr 10:7

aAc 7:2
 Ac 22:1
 Heb 2:1

oJob 16:10
 Job 16:20
 Mt 20:19

^a Literally, "hand," M. ^b "Missile," by a correction in M. Literally, "One has drawn out" (a weapon), M. ^c "A glittering weapon." Literally, "lightning," M. ^d Or, "The increase of his house will roll away." ^e "Man." M, a.dam'. ^f "God." M, Elohim'. ^g "God." M, El.

- 4 "As for me, is my complaint to man?^a
 "Or why is it that my spirit does not get impatient?"
- 5 "Turn YOUR faces to me and stare in amazement,⁶
 "And put [YOUR] hand upon [YOUR] mouth.⁷
- 6 "And if I have remembered, I have also become terrified⁸
 "And shuddering has taken hold of my flesh.
- 7 "Why is it that the wicked themselves keep living,⁹
 "Have grown old, also have become superior in wealth?¹⁰
- 8 "Their offspring¹¹ are firmly established with them in their sight,
 "And their descendants before their eyes.
- 9 "Their houses are peace itself, free from dread,¹²
 "And the rod of God¹³ is not upon them.
- 10 "His own bull actually impregnates and it does not waste semen;
 "His cows bring forth¹⁴ and suffer no abortion.
- 11 "They keep sending out their young boys just like a flock,¹⁵
 "And their own male children¹⁶ go skipping about.
- 12 "They continue raising [their voice] with the tambourine and harp,¹⁷
 "And keep rejoicing at the sound of the flute.
- 13 "They spend their days in good times,¹⁸

*Ps 22:2
 Ps 102:1
 Ps 142:1

6Job 17:8

*Jg 18:19
 Job 40:4
 Mic 7:16

*Ps 77:3
 Ps 119:120
 Hab 3:16

6Ps 49:9

kJob 12:6
 Ps 37:35
 Ps 73:3
 Ps 73:12
 Re 13:3
 nPs 37:28

rPs 73:5
 1Th 5:3

sDe 7:13
 De 28:11

tPs 107:41

6Ec 4:13

6Job 30:31
 uGe 31:27
 Isa 5:12
 Isa 22:13

vMt 24:38
 Lu 12:19

^a "Man." M, a.dam'. ^b "God." M, El.o'ah. See Job 3:4, footnote b.

- "And in a moment down to She'ol they descend."
- 14 "And they say to The [true] God:^a 'Turn away from us!'¹⁵
 "'And in the knowledge of your ways we have found no delight.¹⁶
- 15 "What does the Almighty¹⁷ amount to that we should serve¹⁸ him,¹⁹
 "'And how do we benefit ourselves in that we have come in touch with him?"
- 16 "Look! their well-being is not in their own power.²⁰
 "The very counsel of wicked ones has kept far from me.²¹
- 17 "How many times is the lamp²² of the wicked ones extinguished,²³
 "And [how many times] does their disaster come upon them?²⁴
 "[How many times] in his anger does he apportion destruction?²⁵
- 18 "Do they become like straw before a wind,²⁶
 "And like chaff has a stormwind stolen them away?²⁷
- 19 "God²⁸ himself will store up one's hurtfulness²⁹
 for one's own sons;³⁰
 "He will reward him that he may know [it].³¹
- 20 "His eyes will see his decay,
 "And from the rage of the Almighty he will drink.³²
- 21 "For what will his delight be in his house after him,³³

*Ps 73:4

6Ps 10:11

*Ps 73:11
 Pr 1:7
 Joh 3:19
 Ro 1:28
 6Job 27:10

6Ex 5:2
 Ps 10:4
 Ho 13:6
 *Isa 30:11
 Mal 3:14

6Ps 49:7
 Ps 52:5
 Ec 8:8

*Ps 1:1

6Ps 18:28

*Pr 24:20

kPs 37:7
 Ps 73:5

nPs 73:19
 Hab 2:3

rEx 15:7
 Ps 1:4
 Isa 5:24
 Ho 13:3
 Mt 3:12

sRo 2:5

tEx 20:5
 Isa 14:21
 Eze 9:6

uEze 22:22
 Mal 3:18
 Mt 16:27

vPs 75:8
 Isa 51:17
 Jer 25:15
 Re 14:10
 *Ec 2:18

^a "The [true] God." M, ha-El. ^b Or, "worship." ^c Literally, "hand." M, d "Wind." M, ru'ahh; LXX, a'ne-mos; Vg, ven'tus. ^e "God." M, El.o'ah.

- "When the number of his months will really be cut in two?"
- 22 "Will he teach knowledge even to God,^a
"When that One himself judges^o high ones?"
- 23 "This very one will die during his full self-sufficiency,"
"When he is altogether carefree and at ease;
- 24 "[When] his own thighs have become full of fat^o
"And the very marrow of his bones is being kept moist.
- 25 "And this other one will die with a bitter soul^b
"When he has not eaten^c of good things."
- 26 "Together in the dust they will lie down^k
"And worms themselves will form a cover over them."
- 27 "Look! I well know the thoughts of YOU men^r
"And the schemes with which YOU would act violently against me."^s
- 28 "For YOU say: 'Where is the house of the noble one,
"And where is the tent, the tabernacles of wicked ones?'"
- 29 "Have YOU not asked those traveling over the roads?
"And do you not carefully inspect their very signs,
- 30 "That at the day of disaster an evil one is spared,^v
"At the day of fury he is delivered?"^c
- 31 "Who will tell him of his way to his very face,"

oPs 55:23
Ps 102:24
Isa 40:14
Ro 11:34
oPs 9:8
oEc 5:8
Isa 40:23
2Pe 2:4
Jude 9
Re 20:10
+Lu 12:20

oPs 17:10

oPs 69:9
+1Ki 17:12
Eze 4:17
kJob 3:19
Ec 3:20
Ec 9:2
nIsa 14:11
rLu 5:22

sPs 59:3
Mt 26:55
Ac 23:12

tNu 16:32
Job 20:28
Ps 52:5

vJob 21:17
Jer 41:2
Jer 41:15
Mt 28:14
*2Sa 12:7
1Ki 21:19
Ps 50:21
Jer 2:34
Mr 6:18
Ga 2:11

^a "God." M, El. ^b "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chē*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*.
^c "He is delivered"; by a correction of M. Literally, "they are brought," M, as in verse 32.

- "And for what he himself has done who will reward him?"^o
- 32 "As for him, to the graveyard he will be brought,^a
"And over a tomb^a a vigil will be kept.
- 33 "To him the clods of earth of a torrent valley will certainly become sweet,^o
"And after him he will drag all mankind,^b
"And those before him were without number.
- 34 "So how vainly you men try to comfort me,^o
"And YOUR very replies do remain as unfaithfulness!"^x
- 22 And El'iphaz the Te'man-ite proceeded to answer and say:
- 2 "Can an able-bodied man^c be of use to God^d himself,"
"That anyone having insight should be of use toward him?"
- 3 "Does the Almighty have any delight in that you are righteous,^k
"Or any gain in that you make your way one of integrity?"ⁿ
- 4 "For your reverence will he reprove you,
"Will he come with you into the judgment?"^r
- 5 "Is not your own badness much already,^s
"And will there be no end to your errors?"
- 6 "For you seize a pledge from your brothers without cause,^u
"And you strip off even the garments of naked^o people.
- 7 "You do not give the tired one a drink of water,
"And from the hungry you hold back bread."

oDe 7:10
Isa 59:18
Ro 12:19
+Eze 32:27

oGe 3:19
Job 3:17
+Ro 5:12

oJob 16:2

*1Ch 9:1
1Ch 10:13
Ezr 10:6

oJob 33:4

*Ex 3:10
2Co 5:20

kDe 10:15
Pr 15:8
Jer 9:24
nJob 2:3
Pr 27:11

rPs 7:9
Ps 90:17
Ps 143:2
sJob 1:8
Job 4:7
Mt 26:65

uEx 22:26
Nu 16:15
1Sa 12:3
oJob 24:7

vPr 19:17
Eze 18:7
Mt 25:37

^a Or, "heap of sheaves." ^b "Mankind." M, *a-dam*. ^c "An able-bodied man." M, *geb'er*. ^d "God." M, El.

- ⁸ "As for a man^a of strength,^b the earth is his,"
 "And one who is treated with partiality
 himself dwells in it.
- ⁹ "Widows you have sent away empty-handed,
 "And the arms of fatherless boys are
 crushed.^c
- ¹⁰ "That is why bird traps are all around you,
 "And sudden dread terrifies you,^d
- ¹¹ "Or darkness, [so that] you cannot see,^e
 "And a heaving mass of water itself covers
 you.^f
- ¹² "Is not God^g the height of heaven?^g
 "Also see^h the sum total of the stars,^f that
 they are high.
- ¹³ "And yet you have said: 'What does God^k
 really know?
 "Through thick gloom can he judge?'
- ¹⁴ "Clouds are a hiding place for him so that
 he does not see,^j
 "And on the vault of heaven he walks
 about."
- ¹⁵ "Will you keep to the very way of long ago^h
 "That hurtful men^h have trodden,
- ¹⁶ "[Men] who have been snatched away before
 their time,ⁱ
 "Whose foundation^{*} is poured just as a
 river,
- ¹⁷ "Who are saying to The [true] God:^l 'Turn
 away from us!'^o
 "And what can the Almighty accomplish
 against us?"^{jx}

*1Ki 21:15
 Ps 12:8
 Mic 7:3

De 22:22
 De 27:19
 Isa 1:17
 Mal 3:5
 Jas 1:27
 ΔPr 3:25
 1Th 5:3
 ΔPr 4:18
 Pr 4:19
 Joe 2:2
 *Ps 42:7
 Jon 2:3
 ΔPs 115:3
 Ec 5:2
 Isa 57:15
 *Ps 147:4

*Job 34:22

ΔPs 33:14
 Ps 97:2
 Ps 139:12

ΔGe 6:5
 Lu 17:26

ΔPs 55:23
 Ec 7:17
 *Job 4:19
 Ps 137:7
 Lu 6:49

ΔIsa 30:11
 Ro 1:28

*Ps 83:18
 Isa 14:14

^a "Man." M, *ish*. ^b Literally, "arm." M. ^c "Are crushed," M; "you crush," according to LXXVgSyT. ^d "God." M, *El-o'ah*. ^e "See," M; "he sees," LXXSy. ^f Or, "the head of the stars," that is, the highest star. ^g "God." M, *EL*. ^h "Men." M, *m'thim*. ⁱ "The [true] God." M, *ha-El*; LXX, "Jehovah." ^j M, "against him"; LXXSy, "against us."

- ¹⁸ "Yet he himself has filled their houses with
 good things;"
 "And the very counsel of wicked ones has
 kept far from me.^k
- ¹⁹ "The righteous ones will see and rejoice,"
 "And the innocent one himself will mock
 at them:"
- ²⁰ "Truly our antagonists^a have been wiped out;
 "And what is left of them a fire will cer-
 tainly eat up."^s
- ²¹ "Acquaint yourself, please, with him^{*} and
 keep peace,
 "Thereby good things will come to you.^t
- ²² "Take, please, the law from his own mouth,"
 "And put his sayings in your heart."^v
- ²³ "If you return to the Almighty,^{*} you will be
 built up;
 "[If] you will keep unrighteousness far
 from your tent,^q
- ²⁴ "And there is a placing of precious ore in the
 dust
 "And gold of O'phir^h in the rock of torrent
 valleys,
- ²⁵ "Then the Almighty will indeed become your
 precious ores,
 "And silver, the choicest, to you.^o
- ²⁶ "For then in the Almighty you will find your
 exquisite delight,^{*}
 "And you will raise your face to God^b
 himself.^o
- ²⁷ "You will make supplication to him and he
 will hear you,^{*}
 "And your vows you will pay."^s

^a Literally, "our antagonists," M. "Their property"; by a correction of M. ^b "God." M, *El-o'ah*.

²⁸ "And you will decide on something, and it will stand for you,^k

"And upon your ways light will certainly shine.ⁿ

²⁹ "For there must be a humiliation when you speak arrogantly,^r

"But one with downcast eyes he will save.^s

³⁰ "He will rescue an innocent man,^{at}

"And you will certainly be rescued for the cleanness of your hands."^{bu}

23 And Job proceeded to answer and say:
² "Even today my complaint^v is rebelliousness;

"My own hand is heavy over my sighing.

³ "O that I really knew where I might find him!"

"I would come clear to his fixed place.[□]

⁴ "I would present before^c him a case of justice,^Δ

"And my mouth I would fill with counter-arguments;^δ

⁵ "I would know the words with which he answers me,

"And I would consider what he says to me."⁺

⁶ "Would he with an abundance of power contend with me?

"O no! Surely he himself would pay heed to me.^φ

⁷ "There the upright one himself will certainly reason with him,^x

"And I would go safe forever from my judge.^{d#}

kPs 90:17
Mt 18:19

nPr 4:18
Joh 8:12

r2Sa 22:28
Pr 16:18

sPs 138:6
Isa 66:2

Lu 18:13
tGe 19:16

2Pe 2:9
uPs 24:4

vJob 10:1

*Job 13:3
Job 16:21

Isa 26:8
□Job 31:37

ΔPs 43:1

φEx 32:13
Nu 14:15

Jos 7:9
Da 9:19

*1Co 4:4

φEx 3:7
Ps 22:24

Jer 18:19

*Isa 1:18

*Ro 5:1
Ro 8:33

^a Or, possibly, "God [*El-o'ah*] will rescue the innocent one." M appears defective here. For M literally reads: "He will rescue one not innocent." ^b Literally, "palms." M. ^c Or, "against." Compare Genesis 10:9, footnote b. ^d "From my judge," M; or, preferably, by a correction of M, "from my opponent-at-law."

⁸ "Look! To the east I go and he is not there,
"And back again and I cannot discern him;^k

⁹ "To the left when he is working, but I cannot behold [him];

"He turns aside^a to the right, but I do not see [him].ⁿ

¹⁰ "For he well knows the way I take.^r

"[After] he has put me on trial I shall come forth as gold itself.^s

¹¹ "Of his steps^b my foot has laid hold;
"His way I have kept, and I do not deviate.^t

¹² "[From] the commandment^c of his lips I do not move away.^u

"I have treasured up the sayings of his mouth^v more than what is prescribed for me.

¹³ "And he is in one [mind], and who can resist him?"

"And his own soul has a desire, and he will do [it].[□]

¹⁴ "For he will carry out completely what is prescribed for me,^Δ

"And things like these are many with him.

¹⁵ "That is why I feel terrified because of him;
"I show myself attentive and am in dread of him.^φ

¹⁶ "Even God^c himself has made my heart timid,⁺

"And the Almighty himself has terrified me.^φ

¹⁷ "For I have not been put to silence because of darkness,^x

"Nor because gloom has covered my own face.

kPs 10:1
Ps 13:1

nPs 89:46

rGe 18:19
2Ki 20:3

Job 1:8
Ps 139:1

sPs 17:3
Mal 3:3

1Pe 1:7
tPs 18:21

Ps 44:18
1Th 2:10

φPs 112:1
u1Jo 5:3

vJob 6:68

*Ec 3:14
Mal 3:6

Ro 9:19
Jas 1:17

□Ps 135:6
Isa 44:24

Isa 46:10
Δ1Th 3:3

1Th 5:9

φPs 111:10
Hab 3:16

+Ps 22:14

φRu 1:20
Ps 88:16

*Isa 57:1

^a "He turns aside," M; "I turn aside," VgSy. ^b "Steps," LXX-VgSy; "step," M. ^c "God," M, *El*.

- 24 "Why is it that times have not been stored up by the Almighty himself,*
 "And the very ones knowing him have not beheld his days?"
- 2 "There are those who move back boundary marks,[□]
 "A drove they have snatched away, that they may shepherd [it].^{a,Δ}
- 3 "They drive off even the male ass of fatherless boys;
 "They seize the widow's bull as a pledge.^Δ
- 4 "They turn aside the poor ones from the way;"
 "At the same time the afflicted of the earth have kept themselves hidden.
- 5 "Look! [as] zebras^Δ in the wilderness
 "They have gone forth in their activity, looking for food.
 "The desert plain [gives] each one bread for the boys.
- 6 "In the field its fodder they harvest,
 "And the vineyard of the wicked one they hastily despoil.*
- 7 "Naked,^Δ they pass the night without a garment,*
 "And without any covering in the cold.^k
- 8 "From the rainstorm of the mountains they get drenched,
 "And because there is no shelterⁿ they have to hug a rock.
- 9 "They snatch away a fatherless boy even from the breast,^r
 "And what is on the afflicted one they take as a pledge.^s

*Ec 3:17
 Ec 9:11
 Ac 17:26

*Ps 90:2
 Ac 1:7

ΔDe 19:14
 De 27:17
 Pr 23:10

ΔJob 1:15

ΔDe 24:10
 De 24:17
 Isa 12:3

*Ps 109:16
 Pr 22:16
 Isa 10:2

Am 8:4
 Jas 5:4

ΔGe 16:12
 Ps 104:11
 Isa 32:14

*De 28:33
 Jg 6:4
 Mic 6:15

ΔJob 26:6

*Ex 22:27
 De 24:13
 kGe 31:40

n1Sa 22:1
 1Kl 18:4
 Heb 11:38

r2Kl 4:1
 Ne 5:5

sDe 24:13
 Eze 18:12

a "That they may shepherd [it]," M; "together with its shepherd," LXX.

- tMt 25:43
 "Naked, they have to go about without a garment,^t
 "And, hungry, they have to carry the reaped ears.^u
- 11 "Between the terrace walls they pass the noontime;^a
 "Wine presses they have to tread and yet they go thirsty.^v
- 12 "From out of the city the dying keep groaning,
 "And the soul of deadly wounded ones cries for help,*
 "And God^b himself considers [it] not as unseemliness.^c
- 13 "As for them, they proved to be among the rebels against light;^Δ
 "They did not recognize its ways,
 "And they did not dwell in its roadways.^Δ
- 14 "At daylight the murderer^Δ gets up,
 "He proceeds to kill the afflicted and the poor one;⁺
 "And during the night he becomes a regular burglar.^{c,Δ}
- 15 "As for the eye of the adulterer,^Δ it has watched for evening darkness,
 "Saying: 'No eye will behold me!'"
 "And over his face he puts a covering.^k
- 16 "In the darkness he has dug into houses;^Δ
 "By day they must keep themselves locked in.
 "They have not known daylight.^r
- 17 "For morning is the same as death shadow^s for them,
 "For they recognize what the sudden terrors of death shadow are.^t

*Ps 109:22
 Ec 4:1

ΔDe 24:19
 De 25:4
 Am 5:11
 1Co 9:9
 1Ti 5:18

vJer 22:13
 Jas 5:4

*Ps 109:22
 Ec 4:1

Δ2Pe 3:15

ΔLu 12:47
 Joh 3:19
 Joh 15:24

ΔJoh 8:31
 Joh 15:6
 Ro 1:32

Jude 6
 ΔPs 62:3

*Ps 10:8

ΔPs 50:18
 ΔJoh 10:10
 ΔEx 20:14

Pr 6:32

*2Sa 12:12
 Ps 94:7
 kGe 38:14

ΔPs 69:9
 nEx 22:2

rJoh 3:20
 Eph 5:11
 sJob 10:21

Pr 4:19

tRe 6:16

a Or, "they press out oil." b "God." M, *El.oh.* c Or, by another reading of M, "he goes as a burglar."

- 18 "He is swift on the surface of the waters.
 "Their tract of land will be cursed in the earth.^v
 "He will not turn toward the way of the vineyards.
- 19 "The drought, also the heat, snatch away the snow waters;^{*}
 "So does She'ol those who have sinned![†]
- 20 "The womb will forget him, the worm will sweetly suck him,^v
 "He will be remembered no more.*
 "And unrighteousness will be broken just like a tree.[□]
- 21 "He is having dealings with a barren woman who does not bear,
 "And with a widow[§] to whom he does no good.
- 22 "And he will certainly draw away strong people by his power;
 "He will rise up and not be sure of his life.^a
- 23 "He will grant him to become confident[®] that he may support himself;
 "And his eyes will be upon their ways.*
- 24 "They have become high up a little while, then they are no more,[‡]
 "And they have been brought low;^k like everyone else they are plucked off,
 "And like the head of an ear of grain they are cut off.ⁿ
- 25 "So really now, who will make me out a liar
 "Or reduce my word to nothing?"^r

25 And Bil'dad the Shu'hite proceeded to answer and say:

"Rulership and dreadfulness are with him;^s

^a "His life," LXXVg and three Hebrew manuscripts; "life," M.

vDe 28:16
 Mal 2:2

*Job 6:17

□Ps 55:15
 Lu 12:20

vJob 17:14
 Isa 14:11
 *Ec 9:5
 Isa 26:14

□Mt 3:10
 Mt 7:19

□Ex 22:2
 Zec 7:10

□Ec 8:11
 Isa 56:12
 Lu 12:19
 1Th 5:3
 *Pr 5:21
 Pr 15:3

*Ps 37:10
 Ps 92:7
 Jas 1:11
 kIsa 14:12
 Re 20:3

nIsa 17:5
 Re 14:15

rJoh 5:43
 Joh 8:46

s1Ch 29:11
 Ps 99:1
 Jer 10:6
 Da 4:3

tPs 103:20
 Mt 26:53
 Re 5:11

uRo 5:1
 Ro 8:33
 Re 1:5

vPs 51:5
 Heb 7:26
 □Job 31:26
 *Ps 89:37
 Ps 104:19
 Ps 148:3
 □Ge 1:16
 Ge 1:18

△Ps 8:4
 Ps 22:6

□Job 16:2

*Job 12:2
 Job 17:10

*Ps 104:25

□Ec 5:15
 *Ps 139:8
 Am 9:2
 Heb 4:13

- "He is making peace on his heights.
 3 "Is there any number to his troops?^t
 "And upon whom does his light not rise?
 4 "So how can mortal man^a be in the right before God,^{bu}
 "Or how can one born of a woman be clean?^v
 5 "Look! there is even the moon^c and it is not bright,
 "And the stars[□] themselves have not proved clean in his eyes.

6 "How much less so mortal man,^a who is a worm,
 "And a son of man,^c who is a maggot!"[△]

26 And Job proceeded to answer and say:
 2 "O how much help you have been to one without power!

"O [how] you have saved an arm that is without strength![□]

3 "How much you have advised one that is without wisdom,[†]

"And you have made practical wisdom itself known to the multitude!

4 "To whom have you told words,
 "And whose breath^d has gone forth from you?

5 "Those impotent in death^e keep trembling
 "Beneath the waters and those residing in them.*

6 "She'ol is naked[®] in front of him,[‡]
 "And [the place of] destruction^f has no covering.

^a "Mortal man." M, *e.nōsh'*. ^b "God." M, *El*. ^c "Man." M, *a.dam'*.
^d "Breath." M, *n'sha-mah'*. ^e "Those impotent in death." M, *har'pha'im'*; formerly transliterated as "the Reph'a'im." LXXVg, "giants." ^f "[The place of] destruction." M, *a.bad-dōn'*. The first occurrence of this Hebrew word. Compare Revelation 9:11, footnotes a, b, c.

- 7 "He is stretching out the north over the empty place,^k
 "Hanging the earth upon nothing;ⁿ
 8 "Wrapping up the waters in his clouds,^r
 "So that the cloud mass is not split under them;
 9 "Enclosing the face of the throne,^a
 "Spreading out^b over it his cloud.^s
 10 "He has described a circle upon the face of the waters,^t
 "To where light ends in darkness.
 11 "The very pillars of heaven shake,^u
 "And they are bewildered because of his rebuke.
 12 "By his power he has stirred up the sea,^v
 "And by his understanding he has broken the stormer^c to pieces.^{*}
 13 "By his wind^d he has polished up heaven itself,[□]
 "His hand has pierced the gliding serpent.^{ca}
 14 "Look! these are the fringes of his ways,
 "And what a whisper of a matter has been heard of him!
 "But of his mighty thunder who can show an understanding?"

- 27 And Job proceeded again to lift up his proverbial utterance^e and went on to say:
 2 "As God^e lives,^{*} who has taken away my judgment,
 "And as the Almighty [lives], who has made my soul bitter,^f
 3 "While my breath^g is yet whole within me,
 "And the spirit of God^h is in my nostrils,^k

^a "The throne." M. Or, possibly, "his full moon," by a different vowel-pointing of M. ^b The mixed verb form here is understood to be in the infinitive absolute, hence to be impersonal and not limited as to time.
^c "The stormer." Possibly a sea monster. M, *ra'hab*. ^d Or, "spirit."
 M, *ru'ahh*; Vg, *spiritus*. ^e "God." M, *El*. ^f "God." M, *El-o'ah*.

kJob 9:8
 Ps 104:2
 Isa 42:5
 nGe 1:1
 rGe 1:6
 Ps 135:7
 Pr 30:4

sEx 20:21
 1Ki 8:10
 Ps 97:2
 tPr 8:27
 Isa 40:22

uHag 2:21
 Heb 12:26
 Re 20:11

vEx 14:21
 Ps 74:13
 Isa 51:15
 Re 17:15
 *Ps 72:4
 Isa 2:12
 Da 2:35
 2Ge 1:2
 Ps 104:30
 cPs 58:4
 dPs 74:13
 Isa 27:1
 Re 12:9

+Ps 139:6
 Ps 145:3
 Ro 11:33

eNu 23:7
 Ps 49:4
 Ps 78:2
 *Nu 14:21
 Ru 3:13
 1Sa 14:45

*Ru 1:20
 2Ki 4:27
 *Job 33:4
 kGe 2:7
 Isa 2:22
 Ac 17:25

nPs 24:4
 Isa 53:9
 2Co 4:2
 rDe 25:1
 Pr 17:15
 Ga 1:10

sPs 18:21

tAc 24:16

cPs 6:10

u1Sa 25:26

vJob 11:20
 Mt 23:15

*Mt 16:26
 Lu 12:20

□1Sa 28:6
 Pr 28:9
 Jer 11:11
 cJob 32:8

dPs 37:4
 Hab 3:18
 oRo 12:12
 Eph 6:18
 1Th 5:17
 +Job 4:3
 Isa 8:11

eDe 4:5
 Ps 71:17
 Ac 20:20

*2Ki 17:15
 Jer 2:5

*Ps 11:6
 Ec 8:13
 Mal 3:5

- 4 "My lips will speak no unrighteousness
 "And my own tongue will mutter no deceit!ⁿ
 5 "It is unthinkable on my part that I should justify YOU men!^r
 "Until I expire I shall not take away my integrity from myself!
 6 "On my justness I have laid hold and I shall not let it go;^s
 "My heart will not taunt [me] for any of my days.^t
 7 "Let my enemy^g become in every way a wicked man,^u
 "And the one revolting against me really an evildoer.
 8 "For what is the hope of an apostate in case he cuts [him] off,^v
 "In case God^a carries off his soul from him?^{*}
 9 "Will God^b hear an outcry of his
 "In case distress comes upon him?[□]
 10 "If in the Almighty^c he finds exquisite delight,^d
 "He will call to God^a at all times.^o
 11 "I shall instruct YOU men by the hand of God,^{b*}
 "That which is with the Almighty I shall not conceal.^g
 12 "Look! you yourselves have all of YOU seen visions,
 "So why is it that you show yourselves utterly vain?^{*}
 13 "This is the share of the wicked man^c from God,^{b*}
 "And the inheritance of the tyrants they will receive from the Almighty himself.

^a "God." M, *El-o'ah*. ^b "God." M, *El*. ^c "Man." M, *a-dam'*.

- 14 "If his sons become many, it is for a sword;^k
 "And his descendants themselves will not
 have enough food.^{an}
- 15 "His own survivors will be buried during a
 deadly plague,^{br}
 "And their own widows will not weep.^s
- 16 "If he should pile up silver like dust itself,^t
 "And he should prepare attire just as if
 clay,^u
- 17 "He would prepare, but the righteous would
 be the one to clothe himself,^v
 "And in the silver the innocent would be
 the one to have a share.
- 18 "He has built^c his house like a mere moth,
 "And like a booth^d that a watchman has
 made.
- 19 "Rich he will lie down,^a but nothing will be
 gathered;^c
 "His eyes he has opened, but there will be
 nothing.^o
- 20 "Like waters^d sudden terrors will overtake
 him;^t
 "At night^e a stormwind will certainly steal
 him away.
- 21 "An east wind will carry him off^x and he will
 go away,
 "And it will whirl him away from his place.^s
- 22 "And it will hurl itself at him and have no
 compassion;^k
 "From its power he will without fail try
 to run away.ⁿ
- 23 "One will clap his hands at him
 "And will whistle^r at him from his place.^o

^a Or, "bread," M. ^b Literally, "death," M. ^c Or, "he will not be gathered," M; "he will add nothing," LXXSy. ^d "Like waters," M. Or, likely, by a correction of M, "During the day." ^e Or, "[One passing] his place will whistle at it."

kEs 9:10
 Eze 9:6
 Re 19:21
 n1Sa 2:5
 rZec 14:18
 sPs 78:64
 tEze 28:4
 Zec 9:3
 uMt 6:19
 Jas 5:2
 vPr 13:22
 Pr 28:8
 Ec 2:26
 cPs 89:4
 dJon 4:5
 aLu 12:19
 oJob 14:10
 tPs 69:15
 Ps 73:19
 eEx 12:29
 2Ki 19:35
 Da 5:30
 Jer 18:17
 sMt 7:27
 kPs 83:15
 nIsa 10:3
 Am 2:14
 r1Ki 9:8
 Jer 19:8
 Zep 2:15

- 28 "Indeed, for silver there exists a place
 to find it
 "And a place for gold that they refine;^s
- 2 "Iron^t itself is taken from the very dust^u
 "And [from] stone copper is being poured
 out.
- 3 "An end^o to the darkness he has set,
 "And to every limit he is searching out^v
 "Stone in the gloom and deep shadow.^s
- 4 "He has sunk a shaft far from where people
 temporarily reside,
 "Places forgotten far from the foot;
 "Some of mortal men^a have swung down,
 they have dangled.
- 5 "As for the earth, out of it food goes forth;^a
 "But underneath it, it has been upturned
 as if by fire.
- 6 "Its stones are the place of the sapphire,^o
 "And it has gold dust.
- 7 "A pathway—no bird of prey^t has known it,
 "Nor has the eye of a black kite caught
 sight of it.
- 8 "The majestic wild beasts^b have not trodden it
 down solid;
 "The young lion^o has not paced over it.
- 9 "Upon the flint he has thrust out his hand;
 "He has overthrown mountains from
 [their] root;^s
- 10 "Into the rocks he has channeled water-filled
 galleries,^s
 "And all precious things his eye has seen.^k
- 11 "The places from which rivers trickled he has
 dammed up,ⁿ

sZec 13:9
 Mal 3:3
 tGe 4:22
 Nu 31:22
 uDe 8:9

oPs 39:4
 vPr 2:4
 Ec 1:13
 sJob 12:22

aGe 1:11
 Ge 1:29
 Ps 104:14

oEx 24:10
 Ca 5:14
 Isa 54:11
 Re 21:19
 sIsa 46:11
 Eze 39:4

oJob 10:16
 Ps 91:13

sNa 1:5

s2Sa 5:8
 2Ki 20:20
 k1Ki 10:2
 Pr 1:13

nEc 2:6

^a "Mortal men," M, *e.nōsh'*. ^b Literally, "The sons of pride (dignity)," M. See Job 41:34, footnote d.

- "And the concealed thing he brings forth to the light."^r
- ¹² "But wisdom—where can it be found,^s
"And where, now, is the place of understanding?"
- ¹³ "Mortal man has not come to know its valuation,^{at}
"And it is not found in the land of those living.
- ¹⁴ "The watery deep^b itself has said: 'It is not in me!'
"The sea too has said: 'It is not with me!'^v
- ¹⁵ "Pure gold cannot be given in exchange for it,*
"And silver cannot be weighed out as its price.
- ¹⁶ "It cannot be paid for with gold^c of O'phir,[□]
"With the rare onyx stone and the sapphire.
- ¹⁷ "Gold^d and glass^a cannot be compared to it,
"Nor is any vessel of refined gold an exchange for it.
- ¹⁸ "Coral^o and rock crystal themselves will not be remembered,
"But a bagful of wisdom is worth more than [one full of] pearls.
- ¹⁹ "The topaz^e of Cush^e cannot be compared to it;
"It cannot be paid for even with gold^c in its purity.
- ²⁰ "But wisdom itself—from where does it come,*
"And where, now, is the place of understanding?"
- ²¹ "It has been hidden even from the eyes of everyone alive,[#]

rPr 25:2

s1Ki 3:9
Job 28:28
Pr 2:6
Col 2:3
Jas 1:5tPs 19:10
Ps 119:72
Pr 8:11

vRo 11:33

*Pr 3:14
Pr 16:16

□Isa 13:12

aRe 21:18

eEze 27:16

eEx 28:17
Eze 28:13
Re 21:20*Job 28:12
Ec 7:23
Jas 1:17#Ec 8:17
1Co 2:8

^a "Valuation," MVgSy; "way," LXX. ^b "The watery deep." M, *t'hōm*, as at Genesis 1:2, footnote c; LXX, *a'bys.sos*; Vg, *a'bys.sus*.
^c "Gold." M, *kheth'em*; an Egyptian word. ^d "Gold." M, *za.hab'*.
^e MSy, *Kush*; "E.thi.o'pi.a," LXXVg.

- "And from the flying creatures of the heavens it has been concealed.
- ²² "Destruction^{an} and death themselves have said:
"With our ears we have heard a report of it."
- ²³ "God^b it is who has understood its way,"
"And he himself has known its place,
- ²⁴ "For he himself looks to the very ends of the earth,^s
"Under the whole heavens^c he sees,
- ²⁵ "To make a weight for the wind,^{dt}
"While he has proportioned the waters themselves by a measure;^u
- ²⁶ "When he made for the rain a regulation,^v
"And a way for the thunderous storm cloud,
- ²⁷ "Then it was that he saw [wisdom]^e and proceeded to tell about it;^e
"He prepared it^e and also searched it^e through.
- ²⁸ "And he went on to say to man:^f
"Look! the fear of Jehovah^g—that is wisdom,[□]
"And to turn away from bad is understanding."^Δ
- 29** And Job proceeded again to lift up his proverbial utterance and went on to say:
² "O that I were as in the months of long ago,

^a "Destruction." M, *a.bad.dōn'*; see Job 26:6, footnote f. ^b "God." M, *Elo.him'*. ^c "Under the whole heavens," MSy; "Everything under the heavens," LXXVg. ^d "Wind." M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *a'ne.mos*; Vg, *ven'tus*. ^e Literally, "it." The Hebrew pronoun here is feminine, referring to wisdom. ^f "Man." M, *ha-a.dam'*. ^g "Jehovah," in many Hebrew manuscripts; *Do.mi.nus*, Vg; *A.do.nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 alterations of the Jewish Sopherim, the only one in Job, where they changed the original reading *Y'ho.wah'* to *A.do.nay'*. See Genesis 18:3, footnote a.

- "As in the days when God^a was guarding me;^o
- ³ "When he caused his lamp to shine upon my head,
 "[When] I would walk [through] darkness^c by his light;"
- ⁴ "Just as I happened to be in the days of my prime,
 "When intimacy with God^a was at my tent;^o
- ⁵ "When the Almighty was yet with me,"
 "[When] my attendants were all around me!
- ⁶ "When I washed my steps in butter,
 "And the rock kept pouring out streams of oil for me;^b
- ⁷ "When I went forth to the gate by the town,^k
 "In the square I would prepare my seat!
- ⁸ "The boys saw me and hid themselves,
 "And even the aged ones rose up, they stood.ⁿ
- ⁹ "Princes themselves restrained words,
 "And the palm they would put upon their mouth.^r
- ¹⁰ "The voice of the leaders themselves was hidden,
 "And their very tongue cleaved to their palate.^s
- ¹¹ "For the ear itself listened and proceeded to pronounce me happy,^t
 "And the eye itself saw and proceeded to bear witness for me.
- ¹² "For I would rescue the afflicted one crying for help,^u

^oJob 1:10
 Joh 17:12

^oPs 18:11
 *Ps 18:28
 Ps 27:1
 Ps 119:105

^oEx 33:9
 Ps 25:14
 Pr 3:32
 *Jos 1:9
 Jg 6:12
 Ps 43:2

#De 32:13

kDe 16:18
 Ru 4:11

nLe 19:32
 1Ti 5:17
 1Pe 2:17

rJob 21:5
 Job 40:4
 Pr 30:32

sPs 137:6
 Eze 3:26

tPr 29:2
 Lu 4:22

uPs 72:12
 Pr 24:11
 Isa 32:2

- "And the fatherless boy and anyone that had no helper.^v
- ¹³ "The blessing^{*} of the one about to perish—upon me it would come,
 "And the heart of the widow I would make glad.^o
- ¹⁴ "With righteousness I clothed myself, and it was clothing me.^a
 "My justice was like a sleeveless coat—and a turban.
- ¹⁵ "Eyes I became to the blind^c one,^o
 "And feet to the lame one I was.
- ¹⁶ "I was a real father to the poor ones;
 "And the legal case of one whom I did not know—I would examine it.^o
- ¹⁷ "And I would break the jawbones of the wrongdoer,^{*}
 "And from his teeth I would tear^a away the prey.[#]
- ¹⁸ "And I used to say: 'Within my nest^b I shall expire,
 "'And like the grains of sand I shall multiply [my] days.^k
- ¹⁹ "My root is opened for the waters,ⁿ
 "'And dew^r itself will stay overnight upon my bough.
- ²⁰ "My glory is fresh with me,
 "'And my bow^s in my hand will shoot repeatedly.[']
- ²¹ "To me they listened and they waited,
 "And they would keep silent for my counsel.^t
- ²² "After my word they would not speak again,^u

vDe 10:18
 Job 4:4
 Ps 82:3
 Jas 1:27
 *De 24:13

oDe 10:18
 Ps 146:9

ΔPs 132:9
 Isa 61:10
 Eph 6:14
 Re 19:8

oPs 146:8
 cNu 10:31
 Isa 35:5

oEx 18:26
 1Ki 3:28
 Isa 11:4

*Ps 3:7

#1Sa 17:35
 Ps 124:6

kPs 91:16
 1Pe 3:10
 nJer 17:8

rPs 133:3
 Pr 19:12

oPs 18:34
 s1Sa 18:4
 1Ch 5:18

tJob 29:9

uIsa 52:15
 Mt 22:46

^a "God." M, *El o'ah*. ^b Literally, "was being poured out as streams of oil with me," M.

^a "Tear." By a slight correction of M. "Throw," M. ^b "Within my nest," M. Probably it should read, "In my old age," to resemble LXX.

- "And upon them my word would drip."^v
 23 "And they waited for me as for the rain,"
 "And their mouth they opened wide for the spring rain."
 24 "I would smile at them—they would not believe [it]—"
 "And the light^o of my face^a they would not cast down."
 25 "I would choose the way for them, and I was sitting as head;^o
 "And I resided as a king among [his] troops,
 "As one who comforts the mourners."^o
- 30** "And now they have laughed at me,^o
 "Those younger^a in days than I am,
 "Whose fathers I would have refused
 "To place with the dogs^o of my flock."^o
 2 "Even the power of their hands—of what use was it to me?
 "In them vigor has perished."
 3 "Because of want and hungerⁿ they are sterile,^r
 "Gnawing at a waterless region,^s
 "[Where] yesterday there were storm and desolation."
 4 "They were plucking^t the salt herb by the bushes,
 "And the root of broom trees was their food."
 5 "From the community they would be driven away;^u
 "People would shout at them as at a thief."
 6 "[They have] to reside on the very slope of torrent valleys,
 "In holes of the dust and in rocks."^v
 7 "Among the bushes they would cry out;
 "Under the nettles^o they would huddle together."

vDe 32:2
 *Ps 72:6
 oPs 126:1
 oPs 27:1
 aPs 4:6
 Ps 89:15
 oJg 11:8
 2Sa 5:2
 oJob 4:3
 Isa 61:2
 oPs 35:14
 o2Ch 36:16
 Job 12:4
 Mr 14:65
 Lu 23:35
 2Kl 2:23
 Isa 3:5
 oPs 22:16
 oPs 65:13
 nIsa 65:13
 Am 8:11
 rJob 3:7
 sPs 78:17
 t2Kl 4:39
 uGe 4:12
 Ps 109:10
 Da 4:25
 vJg 6:2
 Isa 2:19
 Re 6:15
 oPr 24:31
 Zep 2:9

- 4Isa 25:25
 2Sa 13:13
 Ps 14:4
 Pr 1:22
 Isa 32:6
 Ro 1:21
 oPs 69:12
 La 3:14
 La 3:63
 *Job 17:6
 Ps 44:14
 oZec 11:8
 *Job 19:13
 Ps 88:8
 *Nu 12:14
 Isa 50:6
 Mt 26:67
 Mt 27:30
 kDe 8:2
 nPs 32:9
 Isa 30:28
 rIsa 3:5
 sPs 73:2
 Jer 18:22
 tJob 6:2
 Ps 57:1
 Eze 38:12
 uEze 38:11
 vPs 69:14
 oPs 22:14
 Ps 42:4
 Isa 53:12
 oPs 50:15
 oJob 10:15
 Ps 88:9
 oJob 33:21
 Ps 6:2
 *Job 7:4
- 8 "Sons of the senseless one,^a also sons of the nameless one,
 "They have been scourged out of the land."
 9 "And now I have become even the theme of their song;^o
 "And I become a byword to them."
 10 "They have detested me,^o they have kept themselves far from me,^a
 "And from my face they did not hold back [their] spittle."
 11 "For he loosened [my] own bowstring and proceeded to humble me,^k
 "And the bridleⁿ they left loose on my account."
 12 "At [my] right hand they rise up as a brood,^r
 "My feet they have let go,^s
 "But they proceeded to cast up against me their disastrous barriers."
 13 "They have torn down my roadways;
 "They were beneficial only for my engulfing ruin,^t
 "Without their having any helper."^u
 14 "As through a wide gap they proceed to come;
 "Under a storm they have rolled along."^v
 15 "Sudden terrors have been turned upon me;
 "My noble bearing is chased like the wind,^a
 "And like a cloud my salvation has passed away."
 16 "And now my soul is poured out within me;^o
 "Days^o of affliction^a take hold upon me."
 17 "At night my very bones^o have been bored through [and dropped] from off me,
 "And those gnawing me^b do not themselves take any rest."

a "Wind." M, ru'ahh. See Genesis 1:2, footnote d. b Evidently gnawing pains.

- ¹⁸ "With an abundance of power my garment^a takes on a change;
"Like the collar of my long garment" it engirdles me.
- ¹⁹ "He has brought me down to the clay,"
"So that I show myself like dust and ashes."^k
- ²⁰ "I cry to you for help but you do not answer me;ⁿ
"I have stood, that you might show yourself attentive to me.
- ²¹ "You change yourself to become cruel to me;^r
"With the full might of your hand^a you harbor animosity toward me.
- ²² "You lift me to the wind,^{at} you cause me to ride [it],
"Then you dissolve me with a crash.
- ²³ "For I well know that to death you will make me turn back,^u
"And to the house of meeting for everyone living.
- ²⁴ "Only one does not thrust one's hand out against a mere heap of ruins,^v
"Nor during one's decay is there for^b those things a cry for help.
- ²⁵ "Certainly I have wept for the one having a hard day;^w
"My soul has grieved for the poor one.^x
- ²⁶ "Although for good I waited, yet bad came;^y
"And I kept awaiting the light, but gloom came.
- ²⁷ "My own bowels were made to boil and did not keep silent;
"Days of affliction confronted me."^z

^aPs 69:11
^bGe 37:3
^cPs 69:2
Jer 38:6
^dGe 3:19
Ge 18:27
^enJob 19:7
Ps 22:2
La 3:8
^frJob 7:20
Job 19:6
Ps 77:9
sPs 89:13
1Pe 5:6
^gtJob 21:18
Ps 35:5
Da 2:35
^huGe 3:19
2Sa 14:14
Ec 9:5
ⁱvJob 13:25
Ps 44:25
Mt 27:42
^j*Ps 35:13
Jer 13:17
Lu 19:41
Ro 12:15
^koPr 14:21
Pr 14:31
Pr 19:17
2Co 9:9
aJob 3:26
Jer 14:19
^l*Jer 4:19
La 1:20

- ^aPs 38:6
Ps 42:9
Ps 43:2
^bcPs 22:25
^c*Isa 13:22
Mal 1:3
^d*Mic 1:8
^ekPs 119:83
La 3:4
La 4:8
^fcPs 33:2
nIsa 22:12
Isa 24:8
La 5:15
rLu 7:32
^gsPs 25:14
sPs 103:18
Ps 132:12
tPr 4:25
^huGe 6:2
Mt 5:28
Jas 1:15
vJob 20:29
Heb 13:4
ⁱ*Job 21:30
Ps 55:23
Ps 73:18
Pr 10:29
1Th 5:3
2Pe 2:1
cGe 16:13
2Ch 16:9
Ps 44:21
Ps 139:3
Pr 15:3
Heb 4:13
^jaPs 7:3
cPr 6:18
*Isa 2:3
Ps 26:1
Pr 16:11
^ksJob 2:3
Job 27:5
Pr 11:3
*De 11:16
^l*"Saddened^b I walked about when there was no sunlight;^a
"I got up in the congregation,^b I kept crying for help.
- ²⁹ "A brother to jackals^c I became,
"And a companion to the daughters of the ostrich."
- ³⁰ "My very skin became black^k [and dropped] off me,
"And my very bones became hot from dryness.
- ³¹ "And my harp^o came to be just for mourning,ⁿ
"And my flute^{cr} for the voice of weeping ones.
- 31** "A covenant^{os} I have concluded with my eyes.^t
"So how may I show myself attentive to a virgin?^u
- ² "And what portion is there from God^d above,^v
"Or possession from the Almighty from on high?
- ³ "Is there not disaster for a wrongdoer,^w
"And misfortune for those practicing what is hurtful?
- ⁴ "Does he not himself see my ways^x
"And count even all my steps?
- ⁵ "If I have walked with [men of] untruth^a
"And my foot hastens to deception,^b
- ⁶ "He will weigh me in accurate scales^c
"And God^d will get to know my integrity.^e
- ⁷ "If my stepping deviates from the way,^f

^a "Sunlight," M. By a correction "comfort" is proposed as a reading. ^b M, *qa-hal'*; LXX, *ek-kle-si'a*. ^c Or, "pipe." ^d "God." M, *Elo'ah*; LXX, *ho The-os'*. ^e Literally, "in scales of righteousness," M. ^f "God." M, *Elo'ah*; LXX, *ho ky'ri-os* ("the Lord").

^a "Wind." M, *ru'ahh*. See Genesis 1:2, footnote d. ^b Or, "to."

- "Or my heart^c has walked merely after my eyes,[#]
 "Or a defect has stuck in my own palms,^k
⁸ "Let me sow^o seed and someone else eat,ⁿ
 "And let my own descendants be rooted out.
⁹ "If my heart has been enticed toward a woman^r
 "And I kept lying in wait^s at the very entranceway of my companion,
¹⁰ "Let my wife do the grinding for another man
 "And over her let other men kneel down.^t
¹¹ "For that would be loose conduct,
 "And that would be an error for [attention by] the justices.^u
¹² "For that is a fire that would eat clear to destruction,^{av}
 "And among all my produce it would take root.
¹³ "If I used to refuse the judgment of my slave man^{*}
 "Or of my slave girl in their case at law with me,
¹⁴ "Then what can I do when God^b rises up,^o
 "And when he calls for an accounting what can I answer him?^a
¹⁵ "Did not the One making me in the belly make him,^o
 "And did not just One proceed to prepare us in the womb?
¹⁶ "If I used to hold back the needy ones from [their] delight^t
 "And the eyes of the widow I would cause to fail,^o
¹⁷ "And I used to eat my morsel by myself,
 "While the fatherless boy did not eat from it"

^a "Destruction." M, *a-bad-dōn'*. See Job 28:6, footnote f. ^b "God." M, *El*.

- ¹⁸ " (For from my youth he grew up with me as with a father,[#]
 "And from the belly of my mother^o I kept leading her);
¹⁹ "If I used to see anyone perishing from having no garment,^k
 "Or that the poor one had no covering;
²⁰ "If his loins did not bless me,ⁿ
 "Nor from the shorn wool^r of my young rams he would warm himself;
²¹ "If I waved my hand to and fro against the fatherless^o boy,^s
 "When I would see [need of] my assistance in the gate,^t
²² "Let my own shoulder blade fall from its shoulder,^u
 "And let my own arm be broken from its upper bone.
²³ "For disaster from God^a was a dread to me,^v
 "And against his dignity^{*} I could not hold out.
²⁴ "If I have put gold^b as my confidence,
 "Or to gold^c I have said: 'You are my trust!'^o
²⁵ "If I used to rejoice because my property was much^a
 "And because my hand had found a lot of things;^o
²⁶ "If I used to see the light when it would flash forth,
 "Or the precious moon^o walking along,^{*}
²⁷ "And my heart began to be enticed in secrecy^o
 "And my hand proceeded to kiss my mouth,

^a "God." M, *El*; LXX, *ky'ri-os* ("Jehovah"). ^b "Gold." M, *za-hab'*. ^c "Gold." M, *kheth'em*; an Egyptian loanword.

- ²⁸ "That too would be an error for [attention by] the justices,"
 "For I should have denied The [true] God^a above."
²⁹ "If I used to rejoice at the extinction of one intensely hating me,^k
 "Or I felt excited^b because evil had found him—
³⁰ "And I did not allow my palate to sin
 "By asking for an oath-bound curse upon his soul.^{cr}
³¹ "If the men of my tent did not say:
 "Who can produce anyone that has not been satisfied from food^d of his?"^s—
³² "Outside no temporary resident would spend the night;^t
 "My doors I kept open to the path.^o
³³ "If like an earthing^f I covered over my transgressions,^u
 "By hiding my error in my shirt pocket—
³⁴ "Because I would suffer a shock at a large crowd,
 "Or the contempt^v itself of families would terrorize me
 "And I would keep silent,* I would not go out of the entrance.
³⁵ "O that I had someone listening to me,^q
 "That according to my signature^s the Almighty himself would answer me!^a
 "Or that the individual^h in the case at law^o with me had written a document itself!

*Ge 18:25
 Ps 50:6

*Jos 24:27
 Tit 1:16

k2Sa 1:12
 Pr 24:17
 Mt 5:43

rMt 5:22
 Ro 12:14
 1Pe 2:23
 1Pe 3:9

sGe 18:5
 Jg 6:19
 Jg 13:15
 Ro 12:12
 1Pe 4:9

tGe 19:2
 Jg 19:21
 Isa 58:7
 Mt 25:35
 Heb 13:2
 uGe 3:8
 Jos 7:11
 Ps 19:12
 Ac 5:8
 1Jo 1:9

vPs 119:22
 Ps 123:4

*Jer 20:9

qJob 13:3
 Job 23:4

aJob 13:22
 Ps 26:1
 oMt 5:25

^a "The [true] God." M, *ha-El*; LXX, *ky'rios*. ^b "Felt excited," M; "made a joyful noise," T. ^c "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; Vg, *a'nima*. ^d Literally, "flesh"; or, "meat," M. ^e "Path," M; "traveler," LXX-VgSyT. ^f Or, "like Adam"; or, "like a man." Probably it should read, "from man"; or, "among men." ^g Literally, "mark," M; evidently in writing, confirming a legal document. ^h Literally, "man." M, *ish*.

*Ge 21:14
 Ge 49:15
 Jos 4:5

*Job 29:14

*Job 14:16

*Heb 4:16
 1Jo 3:21

kJob 20:27
 Jas 5:4

oPs 15:5

n1Ki 21:15
 Eze 22:12
 rDe 8:8

sGe 3:18
 Isa 7:23

tPs 72:20

uJob 6:29
 Job 10:2

Job 27:6
 Job 29:14

v1Sa 20:34
 Job 42:7
 Mr 3:5

Eph 4:26
 *Ge 22:21

qJob 10:3
 Job 27:2

aJob 4:18
 Job 22:3

Job 25:5
 oPr 18:13

*Le 19:32

³⁶ "Surely upon my shoulder^a I would carry it;
 "I would bind it around me like a grand crown.^o

³⁷ "The number of my steps I would tell him,
 "Like a leader I would approach him.^o

³⁸ "If against me my own ground would cry for aid,^k
 "And together its furrows themselves would weep;

³⁹ "If its fruitage^a I have eaten without money,^o
 "And the soul^b of its owners I have caused to pant,ⁿ

⁴⁰ "Instead of wheat^r let the thorny weed go forth,^s
 "And instead of barley stinking weeds."
 The words of Job have come to an end.^t

32 So these three men ceased from answering Job, for he was just in his^c own eyes.^u ² But the anger^v of Elihu^d the son of Bara'achel the Buz'ite^e of the family of Ram came to be hot; against Job his anger blazed over his justifying his own soul^b more than God.^o ³ Also against his three companions his anger blazed over the fact that they had not found an answer but they proceeded to pronounce God^f guilty.^{ai} ⁴ And Elihu himself had waited for Job with words,^o because they were older than he was in days.^o ⁵ And Elihu gradually saw that there was no answer in the mouth

^a Literally, "power." M, *kho'ahh*. ^b "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; Sy, *naph'sha*. ^c "His," M; "their," LXXSy. ^d Meaning "God is he"; or, "He is (my) God." ^e "God." M, *El-o-him*; LXX, "Jehovah." ^f Originally, "God." M, "Job." This is one of the Eighteen Emendations of the primitive Hebrew text by the Jewish Sopherim. Compare Job 1:5, footnote f, and Genesis 18:22, footnote a. See C. D. Ginsburg's *Introduction to the Massoretico-Critical Edition of the Hebrew Bible*, page 361.

of the three men, and his anger kept getting hotter.^a And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite proceeded to answer and say:

"Young I am in days

"And you men are aged."

"That is why I drew back^a and was afraid

"To declare my knowledge with you men.

⁷ "I said: 'Days themselves should speak

"And a multitude of years themselves should make wisdom known."^k

⁸ "Surely it is the spirit^o in mortal man

"And the breath of the Almighty^o [that] gives them understanding."ⁿ

⁹ "It is not those merely abundant in days that prove wise,"

"Nor those just old that understand judgment."^s

¹⁰ "Therefore I said: 'Do listen to me.'^t

"I shall declare my knowledge, even I.'

¹¹ "Look! I have waited for the words of you men,

"I kept giving ear to your expressions of understanding,"

"Until you could search for words [to say]."^v

¹² "And to you I kept my attention turned,

"And here there is no one reproving Job,

"None of you answering his sayings,"

¹³ "That you may not say: 'We have found wisdom,'^a

"It is God^b that drives him away, not a man.'

¹⁴ "As he has not arrayed words against me,

"So with the sayings of you men I shall not reply to him."

^aEx 32:19
Nu 11:1

^kLe 19:32
Ro 13:7
1Ti 5:1
1Pe 5:5

^k1Ki 12:6
Job 12:12
Pr 16:31
CPs 31:5

^oJob 40:2

ⁿGe 41:39
1Ki 3:12
Pr 2:6
Ec 2:26

^rJer 1:7
Mt 11:25
Joh 7:48
1Co 1:27
sEc 4:13

^t1Co 7:40

^uPr 28:11

^vMt 22:46
Mr 12:34

^aJob 32:3
1Ti 1:7
^oGe 14:23
Jg 7:2
Isa 48:5
^aJob 15:10
Isa 5:21
Jer 9:23

^aMr 7:13
1Co 2:7
Col 2:8

^aMt 22:22
Mt 22:34

^aJob 13:5
Lu 20:40

^aJob 35:4
kJob 36:3

ⁿPs 39:3
Jer 20:9
Eze 3:14
Ac 4:20

^rMt 9:17
Mr 2:22
Lu 5:37
sJob 13:13
Job 21:3
Pr 8:6

^tPr 15:28
1Pe 3:15
^uLe 19:15
Pr 24:23
Jas 3:17

^vMt 23:8
Mt 23:9
Mt 23:10

^aPs 49:1
Mr 4:9
^oPs 78:2
Mt 5:2

^aJob 27:4
Pr 8:8
^aJob 36:3
Ps 37:30
Pr 15:2
Pr 20:15
2Co 2:17

^aIsa 43:21
Isa 44:21
^oPs 22:1

^oPs 150:6
^oGe 2:7
Job 10:12
Ec 12:7

¹⁵ "They have been terrified, they have answered no more;"^e

"Words have moved away from them.

¹⁶ "And I have waited, for they do not continue speaking;"^k

"For they stood still, they answered no more.

¹⁷ "I shall give in answer my part,"^k even I,

"I shall declare my knowledge,"^k even I,

¹⁸ "For I have become full of words,

"Spirit has brought pressureⁿ upon me in my belly.

¹⁹ "Look! My belly is like wine that has no vent;
"Like new skin bottles it wants to burst open."^r

²⁰ "Let me speak that it may be a relief to me."^s

"I shall open my lips that I may answer."^t

²¹ "Let me not, please, show partiality to a man;"^{au}

"And on an earthling^b I shall not bestow a title,

²² "For I certainly do not know how I can bestow a title."^v

"Easily my Maker would carry me away.

33 "Now, however, O Job, please hear my words"^c

"And to all my speaking^d do give ear."^k

² "Look, please! I have to open my mouth;"^o

"My tongue with my palate has to speak.

³ "My sayings are the uprightness of my heart,"^a

"And knowledge is what my lips do utter sincerely."^o

⁴ "God's^e own spirit made me,"^k

"And the Almighty's own breath^o proceeded to bring me to life."^e

^a Or, "I feared." M, *za.hhal'*. ^b "God." M, *El*.

^a "Man." M, *ish*. ^b Or, "man." M, *a.dam'*. ^c "Words." M, *mil.lim'*.
^d Literally, "words." M, *da.ba.rim'*. ^e "God's." M, *El*.

- ⁵ "If you are able, make reply to me,*
"Array [words] before me; do take your station.
- ⁶ "Look! I am to The [true] God^a just what you are;^b
"From the clay I was shaped,^k I too.
- ⁷ "Look! no frightfulness in me will terrify you,
"And no pressure by me will be heavy upon you.
- ⁸ "Only you have said in my ears,
"And the sound of [your] words I kept hearing:
- ⁹ "I am pure without transgression;^s
"Clean^t I am and I have no error.^o
- ¹⁰ "Look! occasions for opposition to me he finds,^u
"He takes me for an enemy of his.^v
- ¹¹ "He puts my feet in the stocks,^w
"He watches all my paths.^q
- ¹² "Look! in this you have not been in the right,^a
I answer you,
"For God^b is much more than mortal man.^o
- ¹³ "Why is it against him that you contended,^w
"Because all your words he does not answer?^q
- ¹⁴ "For God^c speaks once,
"And twice—though one does not regard it[#]—
- ¹⁵ "In a dream,^k a visionⁿ of the night,
"When deep sleep falls upon men,^r
"During slumbers upon the bed.
- ¹⁶ "It is then that he uncovers the ear of men^s
"And on exhortation to them he puts his seal,

^a "The [true] God." M, *ha-El*. ^b "God." M, *El-o'ah*. ^c "God." M, *El*.

*Job 33:32

*Ac 10:26
Ac 14:15
kGe 2:7
2Co 4:7

sJob 10:7
Job 16:17
Job 23:11
cPs 25:11
tJob 6:29

uJob 10:16
Job 13:25
vJob 13:24
Job 19:11
*Job 13:27
qJob 31:4

aJob 36:23
Pr 9:8
Ga 2:11

eJob 37:22
iIsa 55:9
Ro 9:21
*Isa 45:9
1Co 10:22

eJob 13:22
Ps 27:7

*1Sa 3:6
Ps 62:11
*Pr 1:24
Lu 24:25
kGe 20:3
Da 4:5
Joe 2:28
nNu 12:6
rGe 15:12
Da 8:18
s2Sa 7:27
Ps 40:6
Isa 50:5

tGe 20:6
Nu 24:13
Ac 9:4
uIsa 2:11
2Co 12:7

vRo 2:4
Jas 5:20

*De 8:5
Ps 94:12
1Co 11:32

2Sa 12:16

aJob 7:5
Ps 102:5
Pr 5:11
cPs 22:17
Eze 37:11
Ex 12:29
Re 19:15

eMal 3:1
*Joh 6:45
1Ti 2:5
cPr 13:17
*Ec 7:28
Jude 9

k1Ki 9:4
Ps 25:21
Pr 14:2

nEx 33:19
Ps 86:5
rPs 86:13
Mt 24:22
cPs 49:7
sMt 20:28
Ro 3:24
1Ti 2:6

tPs 103:5
Isa 35:10
Eze 37:10
Re 11:11

- ¹⁷ "To turn aside a man^a from his deed^t
"And that he may cover pride^u itself from an able-bodied man.^b
- ¹⁸ "He keeps his soul^c back from the pit^v
"And his life from passing away by a missile.^d
- ¹⁹ "And he is certainly reprov^ed with pain upon his bed,
"And the quarreling of his bones is continual.
- ²⁰ "And his life certainly makes bread loathsome,^q
"And his own soul desirable food.
- ²¹ "His flesh wastes away from sight^a
"And his bones that were not seen certainly grow bare.^v
- ²² "And his soul^c draws near to the pit,
"And his life to those inflicting death.^f
- ²³ "If there exists for him a messenger,^g
"A spokesman,^h one out of a thousand,^{*}
"To tell to man^a his uprightness,^{ik}
- ²⁴ "Then he favors himⁿ and says:
"Let him off from going down into the pit!^r
"I have found a ransom!^{js}
- ²⁵ "Let his flesh become fresher than in youth;
"Let him return to the days of his youthful vigor.^t

^a "Man." M, *a.dam'*. ^b "Able-bodied man." M, *geb'er*. ^c "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy.chē*. ^d "Passing away by a missile." R. Kittel (*Biblia Hebraica*) proposes corrections that would make this read, "passing over into She'ol." M, to run parallel with "pit" in the first part of the verse. ^e "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy.chē*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*. ^f "To those inflicting death." Or, by a correction of M, "to dead ones"; or, "to the place of dead ones." ^g Or, "angel." ^h Or, "interpreter." ⁱ "His uprightness," M, literally. But LXX reads: "his own blame. He will show his want of understanding." ^j Or, "covering." M, *kho'pher*.

- 26 "He will make supplication to God^a that he may take pleasure in him,^u
 "And he will see his face with joyful shouting,
 "And He will restore His righteousness^v to mortal man.^b
- 27 "He will sing to men and say:
 " 'I have sinned^c and what is upright I have perverted,
 " 'And it certainly was not the proper thing for me.
- 28 " 'He has redeemed my^c soul^d from passing into the pit,^q
 " 'And my^c life itself will see the light.^{ra}
- 29 "Look! All these things God^e performs,^q
 "Two times, three times,^r in the case of an able-bodied man,
- 30 "To turn his soul^d back from the pit,^q
 "That he may be enlightened with the light^f of those living.^q
- 31 "Pay attention, O Job! Listen to me!^{ra}
 "Keep silent and I myself shall continue speaking.
- 32 "If there are any words [to say], make reply to me;
 "Speak, for I have taken delight in your righteousness.^k
- 33 "If there are none, you yourself listen to me;ⁿ
 "Keep silent and I shall teach you wisdom."
- 34 And Elihu continued to answer and say:
 "Listen, YOU wise ones,^r to my words;
 "And you who know,^s give ear to me.

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^a "God." M, *El-o'ah*; LXX, "Jehovah." ^b "Mortal man." M, *e-nōsh*.
^c "My." MLXXS; "his." M^{marg} in VgT. ^d "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-che*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*. ^e "God." M, *El*. ^f "That he may be enlightened with the light," M; "to see the light," Sy.

u2Ch 33:12
 Ps 30:8
 Ps 50:15
 Isa 30:19

v1Sa 26:23
 Ro 3:26
 Re 19:8

*2Sa 12:13
 Ps 32:5
 Pr 28:13
 Da 9:5
 Lu 15:18

qMr 13:20

rIsa 9:2

qPhp 2:13

*Ac 10:16
 2Co 12:8

*Job 33:24
 Ps 40:2
 Ps 118:18

*Ps 56:13
 Isa 2:5
 Joh 8:12
 Ac 26:18
 =Mt 11:15

kDe 25:1
 Pr 11:20
 nPs 34:11
 Pr 5:1

rJob 12:2
 Pr 3:7
 Pr 18:15
 sCol 2:8
 1Ti 6:20

1Co 2:15
 Heb 5:14

qPs 99:4
 uLe 19:15
 De 1:17
 Ps 97:2
 Joh 7:24
 vRo 12:2
 1Th 5:21
 *Job 29:14

qJob 1:12
 Job 27:2
 sJob 27:6

*Job 33:9
 Ps 59:3
 *Ge 6:8
 Job 2:3
 Heb 12:2

*Ps 79:4
 Mt 5:39
 *Ps 26:4
 Pr 2:12
 =Pr 1:15
 Pr 4:14

kJob 9:22
 Joh 15:20
 Ac 14:22
 2Ti 3:12

nPs 40:8
 Ro 7:22
 rJob 34:34

sGe 18:25
 2Ch 19:7
 Ps 92:15
 tDe 32:4

Ro 9:14
 Heb 6:10
 uPs 62:12
 Pr 24:12
 Mt 10:42
 Ro 2:6
 Ga 6:7

vPs 145:17
 Hab 1:13

*De 16:19
 q1Ch 29:11
 Ps 115:16
 Da 4:35
 Ro 11:35

- 3 "For the ear itself makes a test of words,^t
 "Just as the palate tastes when eating.
- 4 "Judgment^u let us choose for ourselves;
 "Let us know among ourselves what is good.^v
- 5 "For Job has said: 'I certainly am in the right,'
 " 'But God^a himself has turned aside the judgment of me.^q
- 6 " 'Against my own judgment do I tell lies?^a
 " 'My severe wound is incurable though there is no transgression.^q
- 7 "What able-bodied man^b is like Job,^r
 "[Who] drinks up derision like water?^q
- 8 "And he is certainly on his way to companionship with practicers of what is hurtful^r
 "And to walking with men of wickedness.^r
- 9 "For he has said: 'An able-bodied man^b does not profit^k
 " 'By his taking pleasure in God.^{en}
- 10 "Therefore, YOU men of heart,^r listen to me.
 "Far be it from The [true] God^a to act wickedly,^s
 "And the Almighty to act unjustly!^t
- 11 "For [according to] the conduct of earthling man^e he will reward him,^u
 "And according to the path of man^f he will cause it to come upon him.
- 12 "Yes, for a fact, God^s himself does not act wickedly,^v
 "And the Almighty himself does not pervert judgment.^r
- 13 "Who has assigned to him the earth,^q

^a "God." M, *El*. ^b "Able-bodied man." M, *geb'er*. ^c "God." M, *El-o-him*; LXX, "Jehovah." ^d "The [true] God." M, *ha-El*; LXX, "Jehovah." ^e "Earthling man." M, *a-dam*. ^f "Man." M, *ish*. ^g "God." M, *El*; LXX, "the Lord."

- "And who has appointed [to him] the productive land,^a even all of it?"
- ¹⁴ "If he sets his heart upon anyone,
" [If] that one's spirit and breath he gathers to himself,^a
- ¹⁵ "All flesh^b will expire^c together
" And earthling man^b himself will return to the very dust.^c
- ¹⁶ "So if [you have] understanding, do listen to this;*
- "Do give ear to the sound of my words.
- ¹⁷ "Really will anyone hating justice control,^d
" And if a powerful one is righteous will you pronounce [him] guilty?"
- ¹⁸ "Shall one say^c to a king: 'You are good for nothing?'^d
" To nobles: 'You are wicked'?"
- ¹⁹ "[There is One] who has not shown partiality to princes^k
" And has not given more consideration to the well-off one than to the needy one,ⁿ
" For all of them are the work of his hands.^r
- ²⁰ "In a moment they die,^s even in the middle of the night;^t
" The people shake back and forth and pass away,
" And powerful ones depart by no hand.^u
- ²¹ "For his eyes are upon the ways of man,^{ev}
" And all his steps he sees.
- ²² "There is no darkness nor any deep shadow
" For those practicing what is hurtful to conceal themselves there."

^a "Productive land." M, *te-bêl'*; Vg, *or'bis* ("[terrestrial] circle").
^b "Earthling man." M, *a-dam'*. ^c Literally, "Shall there be a saying," M. The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive construct, hence is impersonal and indefinite as to time. ^d Literally, "king: 'Be'li-al'?"
^e "Man," or, "each one." M, *ish*, as in verse 23.

- ²³ "For he sets no appointed time for any man^a
" To go to God^a in judgment.
- ²⁴ "He breaks powerful ones^a without any investigation,
" And he makes others stand up instead of them.^o
- ²⁵ "Therefore he recognizes what their works are^r
" And he does overthrow [them] at night^s
and they get crushed.
- ²⁶ "As wicked ones he does slap them
" In the place of onlookers;^t
- ²⁷ "For the reason that they have turned aside from following him^u
" And none of his ways have they considered.^k
- ²⁸ "So as to cause the outcry of the needy one to come to him;
" And so he hears the outcry of the afflicted ones.ⁿ
- ²⁹ "When he himself causes quietness,^r who, then, can condemn?
" And when he conceals [his] face,^s who can behold him,
" Whether it is toward a nation^t or toward a man,^b it being the same thing,
- ³⁰ "So that an apostate man^b may not reign,^u
" Nor there be snares^v of the people?
- ³¹ "For will anyone actually say to God^a himself:
" 'I have borne although I do not act corruptly;'
" Although I behold nothing, instruct me yourself;^o
" If any unrighteousness I have committed,
I shall not do [it] again?'^a

^a "God." M, *El*. ^b "Man." M, *a-dam'*.

- ³³ "Will he make good for it from your standpoint^a because you do refuse [judgment],
 "Because you yourself choose, and not I?
 "Even what you well know, speak.
³⁴ "Men of heart^b themselves will say to me—
 "Even a wise able-bodied man that is listening to me:
³⁵ "Job himself speaks without knowledge^c
 "And his words are without [his] having insight."
³⁶ "My father,^a let Job be tested out to the limit
 "Over his replies among men of hurtfulness.^z
³⁷ "For on top of his sin he adds rebellion;"
 "Among us he claps [his hands] and multiplies his sayings against The [true] God!"^{bn}

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- And Elihu continued answering and saying:
² "Is this what you have regarded as justice?
 "You have said: 'My righteousness is more than God's.'^{er}
³ "For you say: 'Of what use is it to you?'
 "What benefit do I have more than from sin by me?"^t
⁴ "I myself shall reply to you
 "And to your companions^{du} with you.
⁵ "Look up to heaven^v and see,
 "And behold the clouds,^z [that] they are indeed higher than you.^q
⁶ "If you actually sin, what do you accomplish against him?"^a

^a Or, "O that (Job may be tested)." ^b "The [true] God." M, *ha-El*.
^c "God's." M, *El*; LXX, "Jehovah." ^d "Companions," M; "three friends," LXX.

^aPs 135:6
 Isa 45:9
 Ro 9:19

^aJob 34:10

^aJob 15:2

^aPr 1:3

^zJas 5:11

^aNu 14:9
 Isa 15:23

ⁿJob 35:2

^rJob 10:7
 Job 16:17
 Job 19:6
 Job 34:5
 Job 40:8
^sJob 9:22
^tPs 73:13
 Mai 3:14

^uJob 2:11
^v1Ki 8:27
 Job 22:12
 Isa 66:1
^aJob 38:37
 Ps 68:34
^cIsa 40:22
 Isa 55:9
^dPr 8:36
 Pr 9:12
 Jer 7:19

- "And [if] your transgressions actually increase, what do you do to him?
⁷ "If you are really in the right, what do you give him,
 "Or what does he receive from your own hand?"
⁸ "Your wickedness may be against a man^a like you,
 "And your righteousness to a son of earthling man.^b
⁹ "Because of the multitude of oppressions they keep calling for aid;
 "They keep crying for help because of the arm of the great ones."
¹⁰ "And yet no one has said: 'Where is God^c my grand Maker,'^{dk}
 "The One giving melodies in the night?"ⁿ
¹¹ "He is the One teaching^r us more than the beasts^e of the earth,^a
 "And he makes us wiser than even the flying creatures^t of the heavens.
¹² "There they keep crying out, but he does not answer,^u
 "Because of the pride^v of the bad ones.
¹³ "Only the untruth^z God^f does not hear,^q
 "And the Almighty himself does not behold it.^a
¹⁴ "How much less, then, when you say you do not behold him!
 "The legal case is before him, and so you should wait anxiously for him.⁹
¹⁵ "And now because his anger has not called for an accounting,^z

^a1Ch 29:14
 Ps 16:2
 Ro 11:35
^aJos 22:20
 Jon 1:12

^aGe 19:29
 Ps 106:23
 Ps 106:30
 Heb 11:7
^aPs 12:5
 Ps 43:2
 Pr 29:2
^aPs 10:15

^k1Ch 10:14
 Ps 14:1
 Isa 51:13
 1Pe 4:19
ⁿPs 42:8
 Ps 119:62
 Ps 149:5
 Ac 16:25
^rPs 94:12
 Isa 54:13
 1Co 2:13
^sGe 1:26
 tGe 1:20
^uPs 18:41
 Pr 1:28
^vPs 73:8
 Pr 16:18
^aPs 12:2
 Ps 41:6
^dPr 15:29
^aHab 1:13

^aPs 27:14
 Ps 37:5
 Ps 62:5
 Ps 62:8
^aNu 20:12
 Lu 1:20

^a "Man." M, *ish*. ^b "Earthling man." M, *a.dam*. ^c "God." M, *El.o'ah*.
^d "Grand Maker." In M the word for this expression is in the plural of excellence and grandeur, although "God" here is in the singular.
^e Or, "domestic animals." ^f "God." M, *El*.

"He has also not taken note of the extreme rashness.^a

¹⁶ "And Job himself opens his mouth wide simply for nothing;

"Without knowledge he multiplies mere words."^x

36 And E-li'hu proceeded to say further:
² "Have patience with me a little while and I shall declare to you"

"That there are yet words [to say] for God.^{ak}

³ "I shall carry my knowledge from far off,"
"And to my Fashioner^b I shall ascribe righteousness."^r

⁴ "For my words are for a fact no falsehood;^s
"The One perfect in knowledge^t is with you.

⁵ "Look! God^c is mighty and will not reject;^u
"[He is] mighty in power of heart;^d

⁶ "He will not preserve anyone wicked alive;^v
"But the judgment of the afflicted ones he will give.^{*}

⁷ "He will not take away his eyes from anyone righteous;^{co}

"Even kings on the throne^a—

"He will also seat them forever and they will be exalted.

⁸ "And if they are bound in fetters,^o
"They are captured with ropes of affliction.

⁹ "And he will tell them about their conduct^t
"And their transgressions,^o because they take a superior air.

¹⁰ "And he will uncover their ear to exhortation^x
"And he will say that they should turn back from what is hurtful.^{*}

^a "God." M, *El.o'ah*. ^b Or, "my Maker." M, *Po'a-li'*. ^c "God." M, *El*.
^d Or, "good motive." Compare with Job 34:34.

^oEc 5:2

^xJob 38:2

^{*}Heb 13:22

kEze 2:7

2Co 5:20

nPr 2:4

Jas 1:17

Jas 3:17

rDe 32:4

Ps 11:7

Ps 145:17

Da 9:14

Ro 3:26

Re 15:3

sPr 8:7

2Co 2:17

t1Sa 2:3

Job 37:16

Isa 28:9

uPs 22:4

vPs 9:17

Ps 68:2

2Pe 2:9

*Ps 10:14

Ps 140:12

Pr 22:23

oPs 5:12

oPs 33:18

Ps 34:15

1Pe 3:12

2Sa 7:12

Ps 78:70

Isa 9:7

Re 20:6

oPs 107:14

Ps 149:8

*Ps 94:12

1Co 11:32

oIsa 59:12

*Isa 59:20

Eze 18:30

oJer 11:4

kEx 19:5

Jer 26:13

nIsa 65:18

Jer 30:17

rDe 18:19

Ps 85:8

Isa 1:20

Mt 12:32

Ro 2:8

oPs 19:2

sNu 32:14

2Ch 28:13

Ps 106:29

Ro 2:5

tPs 55:23

uDe 23:17

1Ki 14:24

1Ki 15:12

Ro 1:27

vJob 36:6

oIsa 30:21

Re 18:4

oPs 18:19

Ps 31:8

Ps 118:5

oPs 23:5

Ps 36:8

Isa 25:6

Isa 55:2

*Ps 145:20

Pr 2:22

Isa 3:11

Jer 25:31

oPs 37:8

Pr 19:19

*Ps 49:7

Pr 13:8

*Eze 8:18

Mr 3:29

Heb 10:26

kJob 34:20

Ps 33:16

Pr 11:21

¹¹ "If they obey^{ok} and serve,
"They will finish their days in what is good

"And their years in pleasantness.ⁿ
¹² "But if they do not obey, they will pass away^r
even by a missile

"And they will expire without knowledge.^o
¹³ "And those apostate in heart will themselves
lay up anger.^s

"They should not cry for help because he
has bound them.

¹⁴ "Their soul^a will die in youth itself,^t
"And their life among male temple prostitutes.^u

¹⁵ "He will rescue the afflicted one in his
affliction,^v
"And he will uncover their ear by the oppression.

¹⁶ "And he will also certainly allure you from
the mouth of distress!^o
"Broader space,^a not constraint, will be in
its place,

"And the consolation of your table will be
full of fatness.^o

¹⁷ "With the judicial sentence upon the wicked
one^{*} you will certainly be filled;
"Judicial sentence and justice will them-
selves take hold.

¹⁸ "For take care that rage^e does not allure you
into spiteful hand clapping,
"And let not a large ransom^{*} itself lead you
astray.

¹⁹ "Will your cry for help take effect?^h No, nor
in distress
"Even all [your] powerful efforts.^k

^a "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy.chē'*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*.

- ²⁰ "Do not pant for the night^a
 "For peoples to retreat [from] where they are.
- ²¹ "Be on your guard that you do not turn to what is hurtful,^r
 "For this you have chosen rather than affliction.^s
- ²² "Look! God^b himself acts exaltedly with his power;^t
 "Who is an instructor like him?^u
- ²³ "Who has called his way to account against him,^v
 "And who has said: 'You have committed unrighteousness?'
- ²⁴ "Remember that you should magnify his activity[□]
 "Of which men have sung.^a
- ²⁵ "All mankind^c themselves have gazed upon it,[°]
 "Mortal man himself keeps looking from far off.
- ²⁶ "Behold! God^b is more exalted than we can know;^{*}
 "In number his years are beyond searching.^e
- ²⁷ "For he draws up the drops of water,^{*}
 "They filter as rain[°] for his mist,
- ²⁸ "So that the clouds trickle,^{*}
 "They drip upon mankind^c abundantly.
- ²⁹ "Indeed, who can understand the cloud layers,
 "The crashings from his booth?ⁿ
- ³⁰ "Look! he has spread out over it his light,^r
 "And the roots of the sea he has covered.
- ³¹ "For by them he pleads the cause of peoples,^s
 "He gives food in abundance.^t

^a Or, "night's (rest)." ^b "God." M, El. ^c "Mankind." M, a.dam'.

nEx 12:29
 2Kl 19:35
 Joh 9:4

rPs 66:18
 Ezze 14:4
 Mt 5:29

sMt 13:21
 Ac 5:41
 1Pe 3:17

tPs 83:18
 Da 4:25
 Lu 1:52
 uPs 94:12
 Isa 48:17
 Isa 54:13
 vIsa 40:14
 Ro 11:34

*Ro 2:5
 Ro 9:14

□Ps 104:24
 ΔEx 15:1

°Ro 1:20

+Ps 145:3

°Ps 102:27
 Heb 1:12
 *Ge 2:6

*Ps 72:6
 #De 32:2
 Jer 14:22
 Mic 5:7

nPs 18:13
 Ps 104:7
 rJob 38:35
 Mt 24:27
 sGe 6:17
 Ge 19:24
 Ex 9:23
 Jos 10:11
 1Sa 2:10
 Job 38:23
 tAc 14:17

- ³² "In his hands he has covered over the lighting,^{au}
 "And he lays a command upon it against an assailant.
- ³³ "His booming tells about him,^v
 "The livestock also concerning the one coming up.
- 37** "Indeed at this my heart begins to tremble,^{*}
 "And it leaps up from its place.
- ² "Listen attentively, YOU men, to the turmoil of his voice,[□]
 "And the rumbling that goes forth from his mouth.^a
- ³ "Under the whole heavens he lets it loose,
 "And his lightning^a is to the extremities^b of the earth.
- ⁴ "After it a sound roars;
 "He thunders^{*} with the sound of his superiority,^e
 "And he does not hold them back when his voice is heard.^{*}
- ⁵ "God^c thunders with his voice^{*} in a wonderful way,
 "Doing great things that we cannot know.^k
- ⁶ "For to the snowⁿ he says: 'Fall earthward,'
 "And [to] the downpour of rain, even [to] the downpour of his strong rains.^r
- ⁷ "On the hand of every earthling man he puts a seal^s
 "For every mortal man to know his work.^t
- ^s "And the wild beast^{cu} comes into the ambush
 "And in its hiding places it dwells.

u2Sa 22:15
 Ps 144:6
 Zec 9:14

v2Sa 22:14

*Ex 19:16
 Hab 3:16
 Heb 11:7

□Job 38:1

ΔEx 19:19
 Ps 104:7
 Heb 12:26

°Ps 97:4
 Lu 17:24
 Re 11:19

+Ps 29:3

°Ex 15:7
 Ps 148:13
 Isa 5:16

*Ps 68:33

#2Sa 22:14

kEc 3:11
 Isa 40:28
 Ro 11:33
 nJob 38:22
 Ps 147:16
 Ps 148:8
 rEze 13:13

sJob 5:12
 tPs 46:8
 Ps 92:4
 Isa 26:11
 cPs 79:2
 uGe 1:25
 2Pe 2:12

^a "Lightning." Literally, "light." M, or, as in Job 36:30. ^b Literally, "wings," M. ^c "God." M, El.

- 9 "Out of the interior room^v comes the storm-wind"
 "And out of the north winds the cold."^o
 10 "From the breath of God^a the ice is given^a
 "And the expanse^b of waters is under constraint."^c
 11 "Yes, with moisture he burdens the cloud,^c
 "His light^d scatters the cloud mass,
 12 "And it is being turned round about by his steering [them] for their performance
 "Wherever he commands them upon the face of the productive land^d of the earth."^e
 13 "Whether for a rod^e or for his land"
 "Or for loving-kindness,^f he makes it produce effects.
 14 "Do give ear to this, O Job;
 "Stand still and show yourself attentive to the wonderful works of God.^{an}
 15 "Do you know when God^g made appointment over them"
 "And when he caused the light of his cloud to beam?
 16 "Do you know about the poisonings of the cloud,^h
 "The wonderful works of the One perfect in knowledge?ⁱ
 17 "How your garments are hot
 "When the earth shows quietness^h from the south?^u
 18 "With him can you^v beat out the skies
 "Hard like a molten mirror?"
 19 "Cause us to know what we should say to him;

^a "God." M, *El*. ^b Literally, "breadth." M. ^c That is, "is frozen."
^d "Productive land." M, *te-bēl'*; T, "face"; Vg, *or'bis* ("circle").
^e Symbolizing correction or chastisement. ^f Or, "loyal love." ^g "God."
M, *El-o'ah*. ^h Or, "When there is a quieting of the earth?"

vJob 9:9

*Pr 1:27
 Isa 17:13
 Ho 8:7
 *Ps 147:17
 AJob 38:29

*Job 38:30

*Ps 97:2

*Ge 1:3
 Ps 43:3
 Ps 119:105

*Ps 65:9
 Joe 2:23
 Am 4:7
 *Ge 7:23
 Ex 9:25
 *De 11:14
 k1Ki 18:45
 Jas 5:18

nPs 46:10
 Ps 145:5
 Hab 2:20
 2Pe 3:12
 rJob 38:4
 Ps 119:90
 Isa 40:26

*Job 36:29
 Job 38:34

tJob 36:4
 Ps 104:24

uLu 12:55

vIsa 42:5

*Ex 38:8
 1Co 13:12

- "We cannot produce [words] because of darkness."^o
 20 "Should it be related to him that I would speak?^a
 "Or has any man said that it will be communicated?
 21 "And now they do not really see the light;^o
 "It is brilliant in the skies,
 "When a wind^a itself has passed by and proceeded to cleanse them.
 22 "Out of the north^a golden splendor^b comes.
 "Upon God^{co} dignity^o is fear-inspiring.
 23 "As for the Almighty, we have not found him out;^x
 "He is exalted in power,"
 "And justice^k and abundance of righteousnessⁿ he will not belittle.
 24 "Therefore let men^d fear him."
 "He does not regard any who are wise in [their own] heart."^s
38 And Jehovah proceeded to answer Job out of the windstorm^t and say:
 2 "Who is this that is obscuring counsel^o
 "By words without knowledge?^u
 3 "Gird up your loins,^v please, like an able-bodied man,
 "And let me question you, and you inform me."
 4 "Where did you happen to be when I founded the earth?^{co}
 "Tell [me], if you do know understanding.
 5 "Who set its measurements,^a in case you know,

*Ps 73:16
 Ps 139:6

*Ps 139:4
 Mt 12:36

*Ps 97:11
 Joh 3:19
 Joh 8:12
 Joh 9:41
 Joh 12:46

*Ps 48:2
 Jer 4:6
 *Ps 18:31
 e1Ch 29:11
 Ps 145:5

*Ec 3:11
 Ro 11:33
 *Ex 9:16
 Isa 40:26
 kDe 32:4
 Ps 9:7
 nPs 11:7
 Ps 71:19
 rPs 33:8
 Ps 52:6
 Mt 10:28

*Pr 3:7
 Ro 11:20
 Ro 12:16
 tEx 19:16
 1Ki 19:11
 Re 7:1
 *Job 42:3

uJob 42:3
 vEx 12:11
 Jer 1:17
 1Pe 1:13

*Job 40:7
 *Ge 1:1
 Ps 102:25
 Pr 8:29
 Heb 1:10
 *Ps 2:8

*Isa 40:12

^a "Wind." M, *ru'ahh*; see Genesis 1:2, footnote d. ^b "Golden splendor." M, *za-hab'*; literally, "gold." ^c "God." M, *El-o'ah*. ^d "Men." M, *a-nā-shim'*; the usual plural number of *ish*.

"Or who stretched out upon it the measuring line?"

"Into what have its socket pedestals³ been sunk down,

"Or who laid its cornerstone,

"When the morning^c stars^d joyfully cried out together,

"And all the sons of God^a began shouting in applause?"

"And [who] barricaded the sea with doors,^b which began to go forth as when it burst out from the womb;

"When I put the cloud as its^c garment
"And thick gloom as its^c swaddling band,"

"And I proceeded to break up^d my regulation upon it

"And to set a bar and doors,^{br}

"And I went on to say: 'This far you may come and no farther,'^s

" 'And here your proud waves are limited'?"

"Was it from your days on that you commanded^e the morning?"

"Did you cause the dawn^v to know its place,

"To take hold on the extremities^e of the earth,
"That the wicked ones^f might be shaken out from it?"

"It transforms itself like clay^g under a seal
"And things^g take their station as in cloth-

ing.^h

Ex 26:19

Ps 30:5
Ps 147:4
Re 1:20

Ps 44:4
Job 1:6
Ezr 3:11
Zec 4:7
kGe 1:9
Ps 33:7
Pr 8:29
Jer 5:22

nGe 1:2

rPs 104:9

Mr 4:41

tPs 65:7
Ps 89:9
Ps 93:3

Ps 33:9
uGe 1:5
Ge 1:16
Ps 136:8
vLu 1:78

Ex 14:27
Ps 104:35
Isa 2:19
Jer 18:6

Ps 104:2
Ps 104:6

^a "Sons of God." M, *benei Elohim*. Or, "the godlike ones." LXX, "my angels"; T, "the bands of angels." ^b Or, "double doors," as at 2 Chronicles 14:7. ^c "Its." That is, the sea's. ^d "Break up," M; "put," LXX. ^e Literally, "wings," M. ^f "The wicked ones." Here, in M, the Hebrew letter *ayin* (א) is suspended, as an insertion, to indicate that the word should read "wicked ones" instead of "head ones." Compare Judges 18:30, footnote c. ^g Literally, "they."

Ex 10:21
Ps 97:11
Pr 4:19
Mt 8:12
Jude 6
Eze 30:22
Ps 24:2

Ge 1:2

Ps 77:19

Ps 9:13
Ps 107:18

kPs 23:4
Am 5:8
Mt 4:16

n1Co 8:2

rGe 1:3
Isa 45:7
Eze 32:8
Am 8:9

Ps 104:9

tJob 38:12

uJob 14:1
Ps 90:10

vPs 148:8
Isa 55:10

Ps 18:12
Ps 78:47

Ex 9:24
Jos 10:11
Isa 30:30
Eze 13:13
Re 16:21

"And their light is held back from the wicked ones^a

"And the high arm itself gets broken."

"Have you come to the sources^b of the sea,^c
"Or in search of the watery deep^c have you

walked about?"

"Have the gates of death^d been uncovered to you,

"Or the gates of deep shadow^{dk} can you see?"

"Have you shown yourself attentive to the broad spaces of the earth?"

"Tell, if you have come to know it all."

"Where, now, is the way to where light resides?"

"As for darkness,^s where, now, is its place,

"That you should take someone to its boundary³

"And that you should understand the roadways of its house?"

"Have you come to know because at that time you were being born^t

"And [because] in number your days are many?"

"Have you entered into the storehouses of the snow,^v

"Or do you see even the storehouses of the hail,^o

"Which I have kept back for the time of distress,

"For the day of fight and war?"

^a "The wicked ones." Here, in M, the Hebrew letter *ayin* (א) is suspended, as an insertion, to indicate that the word should read "wicked ones" instead of "head ones." Compare Judges 18:30, footnote c. ^b Or, "sandy ground." ^c "The watery deep." See Job 28:14, footnote b. ^d Literally, "death shadow," M; "Ha'des," LXX; that is, the common grave. T, "death of Gehenna."

- ²⁴ "Where, now, is the way by which the light^a distributes itself,
 "[And] the east wind^b scatters about upon the earth?"
- ²⁵ "Who has divided a channel for the flood
 "And a way for the thunderous storm cloud,"
- ²⁶ "To make it rain upon the land where there is no man,^b
 "[Upon] the wilderness in which there is no earthling man,^c
- ²⁷ "To satisfy storm-stricken and desolate places
 "And to cause the growth of grass to sprout?"
- ²⁸ "Does there exist a father^d for the rain,^e
 "Or who gave birth to the dewdrops?"^k
- ²⁹ "Out of whose belly does the iceⁿ actually come forth,
 "And as for the hoarfrost^r of heaven, who indeed brings it to birth?"
- ³⁰ "The very waters keep themselves hidden as by stone
 "And the surface of the watery deep makes itself compact."^s
- ³¹ "Can you tie fast^t the bonds of the Ki'mah constellation,^d
 "Or can you loosen^u the very cords of the Ke'sil constellation?"^v
- ³² "Can you bring forth the Maz'za-roth constellation^f in its appointed time?"

^a "Hoarfrost," LXX. ^b "Man," M, *ish*. ^c "Earthling man," M, *a-dam*; see Genesis 1:26, footnote d. ^d "The Ki'mah constellation." See Job 9:9, footnote e. ^e "The Ke'sil constellation." See Job 9:9, footnote d. ^f "The Maz'za-roth constellation." M, *Maz'za-roth*; LXX, *mazourōth* (here and also at 2 Kings 23:5, where we read "constellations of the zodiac"); Vg, "Lu'ei-fer"; Sy, "the Wagon constellation."

- "And as for the Ash constellation^a alongside its sons, can you conduct them?"
- ³³ "Have you come to know the statutes of the heavens,^o
 "Or could you put its authority in the earth?"
- ³⁴ "Can you raise your voice even to the cloud,^o
 "So that a heaving mass of water itself may cover you?"^a
- ³⁵ "Can you send forth lightnings^o that they may go
 "And say to you: 'Here we are!'"^a
- ³⁶ "Who put wisdom^o in the cloud layers,^b
 "Or who gave understanding^c to the sky phenomenon?"^c
- ³⁷ "Who can exactly number^o the clouds in wisdom,
 "Or the water jars of heaven—who can tip [them] over,"^k
- ³⁸ "When the dust pours out as into a molten mass,
 "And the clods of earth themselves get stuck together?"ⁿ
- ³⁹ "Can you hunt prey for a lion itself
 "And can you satisfy^d the lively appetite of young lions,"^r
- ⁴⁰ "When they crouch in the hiding places,^s
 "[Or] keep lying in the covert for an ambush?"
- ⁴¹ "Who prepares for the raven its food?"^t

^a "The Ash constellation." See Job 9:9, footnote e. ^b "Cloud layers." A suggested meaning of the Hebrew word *tu-hhōth*, the exact meaning of which is not definitely known. ^c "Sky phenomenon." The meaning of the Hebrew word *sekh-wi* is not definitely known, but appears to refer to some heavenly phenomenon. ^d Literally, "fill," M.

"When its own young ones cry to God^a for help,
 "[When] they keep wandering about because there is nothing to eat?"

39 "Have you come to know the appointed time for the mountain goats^u of the crag to give birth?

u1Sa 24:2
Ps 104:18

"Do you watch even when the hinds bring forth^v with birth pangs?

² "Do you count the months that they fulfill,"

vPs 29:9
Jer 14:5
*Job 39:1
Jer 2:24

"Or have you come to know the appointed time that they give birth?

³ "They bow down when they cast forth their young ones,

"[When] they get rid of their pangs.^b

⁴ "Their sons become robust,^c they get big in the open field;

cDa 1:10

"They actually go forth and do not return to them.

⁵ "Who sent forth the zebra^d free,^e

ePs 88:5
dGe 16:12
Job 6:5
Job 24:5
Ps 104:11

"And who loosened the very bands of the wild ass,

⁶ "Whose house I have appointed the desert plain
 "And whose dwelling places the salt country?^f

⁷ "It laughs at the turmoil^g of a town;

fDe 29:23
Ps 107:34
Jer 17:6
Eze 47:11
Isa 14:16
Isa 32:14

"The noises of a stalker it does not hear.

⁸ "It explores mountains for its pasturage^h

hJob 40:20
Ge 1:30
Job 40:15

"And after every sort of green plantⁱ it seeks.

⁹ "Does a wild bull^j want to serve you,

jNu 23:22
De 33:17
Ps 29:6
Isa 34:7

"Or will it spend the night by your manger?

¹⁰ "Will you bind a wild bull fast with its ropes in the furrow,^k

kJob 1:14

^a "God." M, EL. ^b Or, "let loose their fetuses."

"Or will it harrow low plains after you?

¹¹ "Will you trust in it because its power is abundant,

nGe 1:26
Ps 144:14

"And will you leave your toil to it?"ⁿ

¹² "Will you rely on it that it will bring back your seed

rRu 3:2
2Sa 24:18

"And that it will gather to your threshing floor?"

¹³ "Has the wing of the female ostrich flapped joyously,

sLe 11:19
Ps 104:17
Jer 8:7
Zec 5:9

"Or [has she] the pinions of a stork^s and the plumage?

¹⁴ "For she leaves her eggs to the earth itself

"And in the dust she keeps them warm,

¹⁵ "And she forgets that some foot may crush them

"Or even a wild beast of the field may tread on them.

¹⁶ "She does treat her sons roughly, as if not hers^t—

t1Kl 3:26
2Kl 6:28
La 4:3

"In vain is her toil [because she has] no dread.

¹⁷ "For God^a has made her forget wisdom^u

uJob 35:11
Pr 2:6

"And he has not given her a share in understanding.

¹⁸ "At the time she flaps [her wings] on high,

oPs 20:7
vEx 15:1
*Ps 147:10

"She laughs at the horse^o and at its rider.^v

¹⁹ "Can you give to the horse mightiness?"

"Can you clothe its neck with a rustling mane?^b

oIsa 33:4

²⁰ "Can you cause it to leap like a locust?^o

oJer 8:16

"The majesty of its snorting is frightful.^a

²¹ "It paws^c in the low plain and exults in power;

oJg 5:22
Jer 47:3
Pr 21:31
Zec 10:3

"It goes forth to meet armor."

^a "God." M, EL. ^b "A rustling mane," M; "strength," T. ^c "It paws," LXXVgSy; literally, "They paw," M.

- ²² "It laughs at dread and is not terrified,^a
 "Nor does it turn back on account of a sword.
²³ "Against it a quiver rattles,*
 "The blade of a spear and a javelin.*
²⁴ "With pounding and excitement it swallows
 up the earth,^k
 "And it does not believe that it is the sound
 of a trumpet."ⁿ
²⁵ "As soon as the trumpet blows it says Aha!
 "And from far off it smells the battle,
 "The uproar of chiefs^a and the war cry.^r
²⁶ "Is it owing to your understanding that the
 falcon^s soars up,
 "That it spreads its wings to the south
 wind?^t
²⁷ "Or is it at your order that an eagle^{cu} flies
 upward
 "And that it builds its nest high up,^v
²⁸ "That on a crag it resides and stays during
 the night
 "Upon the tooth of a crag* and an inac-
 cessible place?
²⁹ "From there it has to search for food,^q
 "Far into the distance its eyes keep looking.
³⁰ "And its young ones themselves keep sipping
 up blood,^a
 "And where the slain are, there it is."^o
- 40** And Jehovah proceeded to answer Job
 and say:
² "Should there be any contending^b of a fault-
 finder with the Almighty?^c
 "Let the reprover of God^c himself answer
 it."^o

Jer 8:6
 Job 41:26
 Isa 17:45
 kHab 1:8
 nJos 6:5
 Jer 4:21
 Jer 42:14
 1Co 14:8
 Isa 3:3
 rAm 1:14
 sLe 11:16
 tJer 8:7
 OPs 103:5
 uPs 103:5
 Pr 23:5
 Isa 40:31
 vJer 49:16
 Ob 4
 *Isa 14:4
 oJob 9:26
 AEze 39:17
 Mt 24:28
 Lu 17:37
 Re 19:17
 *Ec 6:10
 Isa 45:9
 1Co 10:22
 oPs 68:14
 oEze 18:2
 Mt 20:11
 Ro 9:19
 Ro 11:34

^a Literally, "princes." M, *sa-rim'*. ^b "Should there be any contend-
 ing?" The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive absolute and hence
 is impersonal and indefinite in time. ^c "God." M, *El-o'ah*.

- ³ And Job went on to answer Jehovah and say:
⁴ "Look! I have become of little account."
 "What shall I reply to you?
 "My hand I have put over my mouth.*
⁵ "Once have I spoken, and I will not answer,
 "And twice, and I will add nothing."
⁶ And Jehovah went on to answer Job out
 of the windstorm^k and say:
⁷ "Gird up your loins, please, like an able-bodied
 man;
 "I shall question you, and you inform me."ⁿ
⁸ "Really, will you invalidate my justice?"
 "Will you pronounce me guilty in order
 that you may be in the right?^{as}
⁹ "Or do you have an arm like that of The [true]
 God,^{bt}
 "And with a voice like his can you make
 it thunder?^u
¹⁰ "Deck yourself, please, with superiority^v and
 eminence,
 "And with dignity* and splendor may you
 clothe yourself.
¹¹ "Let flow the outbursts of your anger,^q
 "And see every one haughty and bring him
 low.
¹² "See every one haughty, humble him,^a
 "And tread down the wicked^c right where
 they are.^o
¹³ "Hide them together in the dust,⁺
 "Bind their very faces in the hidden place,
¹⁴ "And I, even I, shall commend you,
 "Because your right hand can save you.^o
¹⁵ "Here, now, is the hippopotamus^c that I have
 made* as well as you.

^a In LXX this line reads: "Do you imagine that I have treated you
 otherwise than that you should appear righteous?" ^b "The [true]
 God." M, *ha-El*. ^c Or, "Be-he-moth." M, *b^ehe-mōth'*; Vg, *behemoth*.

- "Green grass it eats[#] just as a bull does.
 16 "Here, now, its power^k is in its hips,
 "And its dynamic energy in the tendons of its belly.
 17 "It bends down its tail like a cedar;
 "The sinews of its thighs are interwoven.ⁿ
 18 "Its bones are tubes of copper;^r
 "Its strong bones are like wrought-iron^o rods.^s
 19 "It is the beginning of the ways of God;^{at}
 "Its Maker^u can bring near his sword.
 20 "For the mountains themselves bear their produce for it,^v
 "And all the wild beasts of the field themselves play there.^b
 21 "Under the thorny lotus trees it lies down,
 "In the hiding place of reeds[□] and the swampy place.^a
 22 "The thorny lotus trees keep it blocked off with their shadow;
 "The poplars^o of the torrent valley surround it.
 23 "If the river acts violently,^{*} it does not run in panic.
 "It is confident, although the Jordan^o should burst forth against its mouth.
 24 "Before its eyes can anyone take it?
 "With snares can anyone bore [its] nose?^c
 41 "Can you draw out Le-vi'a-than^{dk} with a fishhook,
 "Or with a rope can you hold down its tongue?

^a "God." M, EL. ^b LXX makes this line read: "He made pleasure for the four-footed creatures in the Tar'tarus." ^c In MLXX this chapter 40 continues on for eight more verses. ^d "Le-vi'a-than," MVg; "a dragon," LXX.

#Ge 1:30
 Ps 104:14
 kJob 39:21
 Pr 14:4

nJob 41:23

rIsa 48:4

oPs 2:9

sIsa 45:2

Re 2:27

tPr 8:22

uPs 104:24

Isa 54:5

vPs 147:8

Joe 3:18

□Isa 19:6

Isa 35:7

ΔJob 8:11

oPs 137:2

Isa 44:4

*Jude 13

oPs 42:6

*Jos 3:15

kJob 3:8

Ps 74:14

Ps 104:26

Isa 27:1

- nIsa 37:29
 rEze 29:4
 Eze 38:4
 sPr 18:23
 t1Kl 5:12
 1Kl 20:34
 uEx 21:6
 De 15:17
 vJg 16:25
 *Job 41:26
 oPs 8:8
 cGe 3:15
 Ro 16:20
 ΔRe 20:2
 *Ge 49:9
 Isa 27:1
 o2Ch 20:6
 Ps 83:18
 Da 4:35
 Ac 11:17
 Ro 9:19
 *Ro 11:35
 1Jo 4:19
 *Ex 19:5
 De 10:14
 Ps 24:1
 kIsa 65:6
 r2Kl 19:28
 Am 4:2
 sPs 57:4
 Ps 58:6
 Pr 30:14
 2 "Can you put a rush in its nostrils,ⁿ
 "Or with a thorn can you bore its jaws?^r
 3 "Will it make many supplications to you,
 "Or will it say soft words to you?^s
 4 "Will it conclude a covenant^t with you,
 "That you may take it as a slave to time indefinite?^u
 5 "Will you play with it^v as with a bird,
 "Or will you tie it for your young girls?
 6 "Will partners barter for it?^a
 "Will they divide it up among tradesmen?
 7 "Will you fill its skin with harpoons,^{*}
 "Or its head[□] with fish^o spears?
 8 "Put your hands upon it.^a
 "Remember the battle. Do not do it again.^b
 9 "Look! one's expectation about it will certainly be disappointed.
 "One will also be hurled down at the mere sight of it.
 10 "None is so audacious that he should stir it up.^{*}
 "And who is it that can hold his ground before me?^o
 11 "Who has given me something first, that I ought to reward him?
 "Under the whole heavens it is mine.[#]
 12 "I shall not keep silent^k about its parts
 "Or the matter of [its] mightiness and the grace of its proportions.
 13 Who has uncovered the face of its clothing?
 "Into its double jaw^c who will enter?^r
 14 "The doors of its face^d who has opened?
 "Round about, its teeth are frightful.^s

^a Or, "make a feast over it?" ^b In MLXX chapter 40 ends here.
^c "Jaw." More literally, "bridle." M. "Scale armor (coat of mail)," LXX. ^d "Face," M; "mouth," Sy.

- 15 "Furrows of scales are its haughtiness,^t
 "Closed as with a tight seal."
 16 "One to the other they fit closely,
 "And not even air can come in between them.
 17 "Each one to the other^a they are stuck together;
 "They grasp one another and cannot be separated.
 18 "Its very sneezings flash forth light,
 "And its eyes^v are like the beams of dawn.
 19 "Out of its mouth there go lightning flashes,^{*}
 "Even sparks of fire make their escape.
 20 "Out of its nostrils smoke goes forth,²
 "Like a furnace set aflame even with rushes.
 21 "Its soul^b itself sets coals ablaze,
 "And even a flame goes forth out of its mouth.⁴
 22 "In its neck lodges strength,⁵
 "And before it despair leaps.^c
 23 "The folds of its flesh do cling together;
 "They are as a casting upon it, immovable.
 24 "Its heart is cast like stone,^{*}
 "Yes, cast like a lower millstone.
 25 "Due to its rising up the strong get frightened,⁶
 "Due to consternation they get bewildered.
 26 "Overtaking it, the sword itself does not prove equal,^{*}
 "Nor spear, dart or arrowhead.
 27 "It regards iron^e as mere straw,
 "Copper^k as mere rotten wood.
 28 "An arrow^d does not chase it away;
 "The slingstonesⁿ have been changed for it into mere stubble.

tPs 73:6
 Jer 9:23
 uRe 5:2

vPs 36:2
 Pr 30:13
 *Eze 1:14

2Sa 22:9
 Ps 18:8

ΔIsa 30:33
 Isa 33:11
 6Job 39:19

*Ex 8:32
 Isa 48:4
 Jer 5:3

Zec 7:12
 6Job 41:9
 Ps 112:7

Isa 8:12
 Isa 14:16
 Jon 1:5

*Job 39:22

*Jos 17:16

k2Sa 21:16
 2Sa 22:35

nJg 20:16
 2Ch 26:14

^a Literally, "to its brother," M. ^b "Soul," M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy.chē*; Vg, *ha'hitus*. ^c "Despair leaps," M; "destruction runs," LXX. ^d Literally, "A son of a bow," M.

- 29 "A club has been regarded by it as mere stubble,
 "And it laughs at the rattling of a javelin.^r
 30 "As pointed earthenware fragments^{as} are its under parts;
 "It spreads out a threshing instrument upon the mire.
 31 "It causes the depths to boil just like a pot;^t
 "It makes the very sea like an ointment pot.
 32 "Behind itself it makes a pathway shine;^b
 "One would regard the watery deep as gray-headedness.^c
 33 "Upon the dust there is not the like of it,^v
 "The one made to be without terror.
 34 "Everything high it sees.
 "It is king over all majestic wild beasts."^{d*}

vJos 8:26
 Jer 6:23
 sJob 2:8
 Ps 22:15

tEze 24:5

vRe 13:3

*Ps 73:6
 Eze 29:3
 Da 8:4

6Ge 18:14
 Isa 43:13
 Jer 32:17

Mt 19:26
 Lu 18:27
 ΔIsa 55:9

Heb 4:13
 Cps 1:1

6Job 38:2

*Pr 2:6
 Da 12:9

6Ps 40:5
 Ps 131:1
 Ps 139:6

*Job 38:10
 Job 38:3
 Ps 143:10
 Isa 54:13

42 And Job proceeded to answer Jehovah and say:

- 1 "I have come to know that you are able to do all things²
 "And there is no idea that is unattainable for you.⁴
 3 "Who is this that is obscuring counsel⁵ without knowledge?⁶
 "Therefore I talked but I was not understanding⁷
 "Things too wonderful for me, which I do not know.⁸
 4 "Hear, please, and I myself shall speak.
 "I shall question you and you inform me."⁹

^a Or, "The most pointed (sharpest) of earthenware fragments," according to the Hebrew idiom. ^b LXX makes this line read: "And the Tartarus of the abyss as a captive." ^c "As gray-headedness," M; "as a place to walk," LXX; "as the dry land," Sy. ^d Literally, "all the sons of pride (dignity)," M.

³ "In hearsay^a I have heard about you,
"But now my own eye does see you."

⁶ "That is why I make a retraction and I do
repent^b ^{ek}
"In dust and ashes."

7 And it came about after Jehovah had
spoken these words to Job that Jehovah pro-
ceeded to say to El'iphaz the Te'man-ite:

"My angerⁿ has grown hot against you and
your two companions," for YOU men have not
spoken concerning me what is truthful^a as has
my servant Job. ^s And now take for yourselves
seven bulls and seven rams^t and go to my serv-
ant Job, and YOU men must offer up a burnt
sacrifice in YOUR own behalf, and Job my serv-
ant will himself pray for you.^u His face only I
shall accept so as not to commit disgraceful folly
with you, for you have not spoken concerning
me what is truthful as has my servant Job.^v

9 And El'iphaz the Te'man-ite and Bil'dad
the Shu'hite [and] Zo'phar the Na'a-ma-thite
proceeded to go and do just as Jehovah^o had
spoken to them,^o and Jehovah proceeded to ac-
cept Job's face.^o

10 And Jehovah himself turned back the cap-
tive condition of Job^a when he prayed^o in be-
half of his companions, and Jehovah began to
give in addition all that had been Job's, in
double amount.^o ¹¹ And there kept coming to
him all his brothers and all his sisters and all
those formerly knowing him,^o and they began
to eat bread with him in his house and to sym-
pathize with him and to comfort him^o over all
the calamity that Jehovah had let come upon

^a Or, "In a report to the ear." ^b Or, "I do feel regret."

Isa 23:5
Ex 33:20
Isa 6:5
Joh 1:18
Eph 1:18
Jer 18:8
kPs 51:17
Jer 31:19
Eze 16:63
Jas 4:10

nPs 2:12
rJob 2:11
sPr 12:5
Zep 3:13
Mr 7:13
tNu 23:1
1Ch 15:26
Eze 45:23
uGe 20:17
Isa 60:14
Re 3:9
vJob 42:7

oPs 106:34
Isa 60:14
Ac 9:6
Job 22:27
Job 14:14
Ps 14:7
Ps 53:6
Isa 16:12

oIsa 2:7
2Ch 25:9
Pr 22:4
Isa 61:7
Job 19:13

oGe 37:35
Isa 35:3
Ro 12:15

Ge 24:53
2Ch 17:5
Job 6:22
Jas 5:11
kJob 1:3
Ec 7:8

oIsa 21:7
nDe 8:16
Pr 10:22
rJob 1:2

oPs 9:14
sPs 144:12
tNu 27:7
Jos 15:19
uGe 25:7
De 34:7
vPs 128:6
Pr 17:6
oPs 12:7
Ge 25:8
Ps 91:16

^a Literally, "give him one *ke-sitah*." A *ke-sitah* was a money unit
the value of which is not known today, but supposedly worth four
shekels. ^b See Job 1:3, footnote c. ^c LXX reads: "But Job lived
after the plague a hundred and seventy years; all the (years) that
he lived were two hundred and forty-eight [forty, LXXX] years."
^d To verse 17 LXX adds: "And it has been written that he will rise
again with those whom the Lord raises up. This (man) is described
from the Syriac book as residing in the land of Ausitis [Uz], on
the borders of Idumea and Arabia. And formerly his name was
Jobab. After taking an Arabian wife he became father to a son
whose name was Ennon. But he himself was the son of his father
Zare, a son of the sons of Esau, but [was the son] of his mother
Bosorra, so that he was the fifth [in line] from Abraham. And
these are the kings that reigned in Edom, of which country he also
was ruler: first, Balak, the son of Beor, and the name of his city
was Dennaba; but after Balak, Jobab, the one called Job; but after
this one Asom, who happened to be governor out of the country of
Thaemanitis; but after this one Adad, the son of Barad, who cut
off Madiam in the plain of Moab, and the name of his city was
Gethaim. But the friends that came to him (were) Eliphaz, of the
sons of Esau, king of the Thaimanites; Bildad the absolute ruler
of the Sauchians; Zophar the king of the Minaians."

him, and they proceeded each one to give him a
piece of money^a and each one a gold ring.^x

12 As for Jehovah, he blessed^o the end of Job
afterward more than his beginning,^k so that he
came to have fourteen thousand sheep^b and six
thousand camels^o and a thousand spans of oxen
and a thousand she-asses.ⁿ ¹³ He also came to
have seven sons and three daughters.^r ¹⁴ And he
proceeded to call the name of the first Je-mi'mah
and the name of the second Ke-zi'ah and the name
of the third Ker'en-hap'puch. ¹⁵ And no women
were found as beautiful as Job's daughters^o
in all the land,^s and their father proceeded to
give them a possession in among their brothers.^t

16 And Job continued living after this a hun-
dred and forty years^u and came to see his sons
and his grandsons^v—four generations.^o ¹⁷ And
gradually Job died, old and satisfied with days.^d

PSALMS^a

BOOK ONE

(Psalms 1-41)

1 Happy^a is the man^b that has not walked^c in the counsel^d of the wicked ones,^e And in the way of sinners has not stood^f And in the seat of ridiculers has not sat.^g
² But his delight is in the law of Jehovah,^h And in his law he reads in an undertone day and night.ⁱ
³ And he will certainly become like a tree planted by streams of water,^k That gives its own fruit in its season^l And the foliage of which does not wither,^m And everything he does will succeed.ⁿ
⁴ The wicked are not like that,^o But are like the chaff that the wind^p drives away.^q
⁵ That is why the wicked ones will not stand up in the judgment,^r Nor sinners^s in the assembly^t of righteous ones.^u
⁶ For Jehovah is taking knowledge of the way of righteous ones,^v But the very way of wicked ones will perish.^w
2 Why have the nations^x been in tumult^y And the peoples themselves kept muttering in an empty thing?^z

^a M, *T'hil'im'*; literally, "Praises." LXX, *Psal-moi'*; Vg, "Book of Psalms." See Psalm 145, title. ^b Literally, "O the happiness of the man [ha-ish, Hebrew]." M. ^c "Wind." M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *a'ne-mos*; Vg, *ven'tus*. See Genesis 1:2, footnote d.

^dPs 48:4
^ePs 110:5
^fMt 2:16
^gLu 13:31
^hLu 23:11
ⁱRe 17:12
^jRe 19:19
^kMt 26:3
^lMt 26:59
^mMt 27:1
ⁿAc 4:8
^oDe 3:21
^pJos 11:5
^qPs 48:4
^rPs 68:8
^sPs 45:7
^tPs 89:20
^uIsa 61:1
^vJoh 1:41
^wAc 4:27
^xJer 5:5
^yklCo 2:8
^znPs 11:4
^aPs 68:33
^bIsa 40:22
^crPs 37:13
^dsJer 25:31
^ePs 110:5
^ftiIsa 11:4
^gPs 11:4
^hPs 11:1
ⁱuPs 45:6
^jDa 7:13
^kJoh 1:49
^lRe 19:16
^mPs 149:2
ⁿIsa 49:21
^ovHeb 12:22
^pRe 14:1
^qIsa 19:25
^rPs 24:1
^syMt 3:17
^tHeb 1:5
^upEze 44:28
^vPs 107:10
^wzPs 89:27
^xJoh 1:14
^y*Ps 22:27
^z*Ps 72:8
^a*Re 2:27
^bRe 12:5
^c*Da 2:44
^d*Ps 72:11
^ePs 82:2
^fIsa 49:23

² The kings of earth take their stand¹ And high officials themselves have massed together as one² Against Jehovah³ and against his anointed one,^a
³ [Saying:] "Let us tear their bands apart⁴ And cast their cords away from us!"^b
⁴ The very One sitting in the heavens^c will laugh;^d Jehovah^e himself will hold them in derision.^f
⁵ At that time he will speak to them in his anger^g And in his hot displeasure he will terrify them,^h
⁶ [Saying:] "I, even I, have installed my kingⁱ Upon Zion,^j my holy^k mountain."^l
⁷ Let me refer to the decree of Jehovah;^m He has said to me, "You are my son;ⁿ 'I, today, I have become your father.'^o
⁸ "Ask of me, that I may give nations as your inheritance^p And the ends of the earth^q as your own possession.^r
⁹ "You will break^s them with an iron^t scepter,^u As though a potter's vessel you will dash them to pieces."^v
¹⁰ And now, O kings, exercise insight; Let yourselves be corrected, O judges of the earth.^w

^a Or, "(his) Christ." M, *ma-shi'ahh*; Sy, *m'shi'hha*; LXX, *ho chris-tos*; Vg, *chris-tus*. ^b "Jehovah," Sy and many Hebrew manuscripts; LXX, *ho ky'ri-os*; Vg, *Do'mi-nus*; M, *A.do-nay'*, this being one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim (scribes) substituted *A.do-nay'* for *Y'h'o-wah'* in the primitive Hebrew text. See Genesis 18:3, footnote a. ^c Or, literally, "mountain of my holiness," M. ^d "Break," M; "shepherd," LXX.

- ¹¹ Serve Jehovah with fear^a
And be joyful with trembling.*
- ¹² Kiss the son,^{a*} that He may not become incensed
And YOU may not perish [from] the way,^{b*}
For his anger flares up easily.^{c*}
Happy^d are all those taking refuge in him.*
- A melody of David when he was running away
on account of Ab'salom his son.^{d*}

- 3** O Jehovah, why have my adversaries become many?^e
Why are many rising up against me?^u
- ² Many are saying of my soul:
"There is no salvation for him by God."^{ev}
Se'lah.^f
- ³ And yet you, O Jehovah, are a shield^g about me,^v
My glory^z and the One lifting up my head.*
- ⁴ With my voice I shall call to Jehovah himself^h
And he will answer me from his holy mountain.^g *Se'lah.*^f
- ⁵ As for me, I shall certainly lie down that I may sleep;
I shall certainly awake, for Jehovah himself keeps supporting me.^a
- ⁶ I shall not be afraid of ten thousands of people^h
Who have set themselves in array against me round about.*

^a "Son." M, *bar*; not *ben*, as in the superscription of Psalm 3. "Kiss the Son," Sy; "Accept correction," LXX; "Learn discipline," Vg; "Receive instruction," T. ^b "[From] the way," in agreement with LXXVg, which read, "from the righteous way." ^c Or, "quickly." ^d "Son." M, *ben*. ^e "God." M, *Elohim*; in the plural of excellence or majesty. See Genesis 1:1, footnote b; also Psalm 7:9, footnote b. ^f "*Se'lah*." A Hebrew technical term for music or recitation. The meaning of it has not been explained. ^g See Psalm 2:6, footnote c.

©Ps 89:7
Heb 12:28
*Ps 95:1
Ps 99:1
Ps 119:120
*Ge 41:40
1Sa 10:1
Ho 13:2
kPs 1:6
Joh 14:6
n2Th 1:9
Re 6:16
©Ps 32:1
1Sa 11:10
1Sa 32:2
1Sa 44:28
s2Sa 15:14

t2Sa 15:12
2Sa 16:15
Mt 27:25
uMt 10:21
Joh 6:66

v2Sa 16:8
Ps 22:7
Mt 27:42

©Ps 33:20
yGe 15:1
De 33:29
©Ps 21:5
z1Sa 45:25
Lu 2:32
Joh 1:14
*Ge 40:13
Ps 110:7
©Mt 26:39

A1Sa 26:3
s2Sa 18:7

*2Ki 6:15
Ps 27:3
Ro 8:31

©1Sa 12:1
*Ps 10:12
Ps 12:5
1Sa 51:9
*Ps 54:1
Ps 109:26
Joh 12:13
1Ti 4:10
*Ps 35:23
Ps 69:1
©Ps 68:19
kJob 16:10
Job 29:17
Ps 58:6
rPs 37:39
Pr 21:31
1Sa 43:11
1Sa 45:21
Ho 13:4
Tit 1:3
Re 7:10
Re 19:1
sPs 29:11
Eph 1:3
Heb 6:14
t1Ch 25:1
uPs 11:7
1Sa 45:24
Jer 23:6
v1Sa 17:37
1Sa 19:12
1Sa 23:28
yPs 56:1
zPs 3:3
*1Sa 12:21
1Sa 59:4
©Ps 58:3
Jer 9:3
Joh 8:44
AEx 33:16
Joh 1:17
Ac 13:34
©Ps 55:16

*Eph 4:26
©Ps 63:6
*De 33:19
Heb 13:15
*Ps 62:8
1Sa 26:4
1Pe 4:19
kEc 2:3
1Sa 55:2
Mt 19:16
Lu 12:19
Jas 4:13
nNu 6:26
Ps 80:7
Ps 89:15
Ps 119:135
©Ps 14:1
rPs 37:4
Joh 16:22

- ⁷ Do arise,^g O Jehovah!^g Save me,* O my God!^h
For you will have to strike all my enemies
on the jaw.^k
The teeth of wicked ones you will have to break.ⁿ
- ⁸ Salvation^g belongs to Jehovah.*
Your blessing is upon your people.* *Se'lah.*
To the director on stringed instruments.^t
A melody of David.
- 4** When I call, answer me, O my righteous God.^u
In the distress you must make broad space for me.^v
Show me favor^y and hear my prayer.
- ² You sons of men,^a how long must my glory^z be for insult,
[While] you keep loving empty things,*
[While] you keep seeking to find a lie?^z
Se'lah.
- ³ So take knowledge that Jehovah will certainly distinguish his man of loving-kindness;^{b*}
Jehovah himself will hear when I call to him.^g
- ⁴ Be agitated but do not sin.*
Have YOUR say in YOUR heart, upon YOUR bed,^g and keep silent. *Se'lah.*
- ⁵ Sacrifice the sacrifices of righteousness*
And trust in Jehovah.*
- ⁶ There are many saying: "Who will show us good?"^k
Lift up the light of your face upon us,ⁿ
O Jehovah.
- ⁷ You will certainly give a rejoicing in my heart^{o*}

^a "Men." M, *ish*; evidently in the collective sense. ^b LXX, "Jehovah has made his man of loving-kindness [his holy one, Vg] wonderful."

Greater than in the time when their grain
and their new wine have abounded.^s

^s Entirely in peace I will lie down and sleep,^t
For you yourself alone, O Jehovah, make
me dwell in security.^u

To the director for Ne'hi.loth.^a
A melody of David.

5 To my sayings do give ear,^v O Jehovah;
Do understand my sighing.^y

^z Do pay attention to the sound of my cry for
help,^z

O my King* and my God, because to you I
pray.^z

^z O Jehovah, in the morning you will hear my
voice;^z

In the morning I shall address myself to
you and be on the watch.^z

^z For you are not a God having any pleasure in
wickedness;^z

No one bad^b may reside for a while with
you.^z

^z No boasters may take their stand in front of
your eyes.^z

You do hate all those practicing what is
hurtful;^z

^z You will destroy those speaking a lie.^k

A man of bloodshed^{en} and deception^r Jeho-
vah detests.

^z As for me, in the abundance^o of your loving-
kindness^{ds}

I shall come into your house,^t

^a "Ne'hi.loth." The meaning of this Hebrew word is unknown. LXXVg render it "her who inherits." It may be the name of a musical wind instrument; or the phrase "for Ne'hi.loth" is the designation of a melody. ^b Or, "Nothing bad." ^c Literally, "of bloods," M. ^d Or, "loyal love."

sJg 9:27
Isa 9:3
Jer 48:33
tPr 3:24

uLe 25:18
De 12:10
Eze 34:25
Ho 2:18

vPs 55:1
1Pe 3:12
y1Sa 1:13
Ps 19:14

zPs 3:4
*De 33:5
Ps 10:16
Ps 24:8
Ps 44:4
Ps 47:7
Ps 74:12
Ps 99:1
Ps 145:1
Isa 33:22

zPs 65:2
*Ps 55:17
Ps 88:13
*Mr 1:35

*1Ch 29:17
Hab 1:13

*Ps 140:13
Joh 14:23
*Pr 1:22
*Le 20:23

Pr 6:16
Ho 9:15
kPs 4:2
Re 21:8
Re 22:15

nPs 26:9
Ps 55:23
Isa 26:21
r2Sa 20:1
Ps 43:1
Ro 1:29
cPr 10:19

sPs 51:1
tPs 84:10
Ps 116:19

uKi 8:29
Ps 28:2
Ps 132:7
Ps 138:2

vGe 15:6
Ps 23:3
Ro 1:17
cPs 25:4

yPs 27:11
Ps 59:10
zPs 25:4
Pr 4:26
Mt 3:3
Heb 12:13

*Ps 52:2
cPs 58:2
Mic 6:12
cPs 52:2
cRo 3:13
cPr 29:5

1Th 2:5
Jas 3:5
*Ro 3:19
*Job 5:13
*De 2:30
2Sa 15:31
*Isa 1:20
Da 9:5
kPs 40:16

nPs 35:27

rPs 69:36
cPs 64:10
sPs 115:13

tPs 3:3
Ps 84:11
uPs 32:10

v1Ch 15:21
Ps 12 Sup

yPs 38:1
1Co 11:32
Heb 12:6

I shall bow down toward your holy temple
in fear of you.^u

^s O Jehovah, lead me in your righteousness^v by
reason of my foes;^y

Make your way^o smooth before me.^z

^z For in their^a mouth there is nothing trust-
worthy;^z

Their inward part is ruin indeed.^z

Their throat is an opened burial place;^a

A smooth tongue^o they use.^b

¹⁰ God will certainly hold them guilty;^z
They will fall due to their own counsels.^z

In the multitude of their transgressions let
there be a dispersing^c of them,^x

Because they have rebelled against you.^z

¹¹ But all those taking refuge in you will rejoice;^k
To time indefinite^d they will cry out joy-
fully.ⁿ

And you will block approach to them,
And those loving your name will exult in
you.^r

¹² For you yourself will bless anyone righteous,^{cs}
O Jehovah;

Like a large shield,^t with approval you will
surround them.^u

To the director on stringed instruments on the
lower octave.^{ev} A melody of David.

6 O Jehovah, do not in your anger reprove
me,^y

^a "Their," LXXVgSy; "his," M. ^b Literally, "They make their tongue smooth," M. ^c "Let there be a dispersing," M. The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive construct and hence is impersonal and indefinite as to time. ^d "Time indefinite," M, 'o.lam'. ^e "The lower octave," M, sh'mi.nith'. This is the feminine form of the word for "eighth," and its exact reference here is doubtful, whether to an eighth key or to an octave or an instrument of eight strings or to the eighth day, the day of circumcision.

And do not in your rage correct me.²
²Show me favor, O Jehovah, for I am fading away.*

Heal^c me,^c O Jehovah, for my bones have been disturbed.^d

³Yes, my own soul has been very much disturbed;^e

And you, O Jehovah—how long?*

⁴Do return,^e O Jehovah, do rescue my soul;^o
 Save me for the sake of your loving-kindness.^{a*}

⁵For in death there is no mention^b of you;^k
 In She'ol^c who will laud you?*

⁶I have grown weary with my sighing;^r
 All night long I make my couch swim;^s
 With my tears I make my own divan overflow.^t

⁷From vexation my eye has become weak,^u
 It has grown old because of all those showing hostility to me.^v

⁸Get away from me, all you practicers of what is hurtful,^y
 For Jehovah will certainly hear the sound of my weeping.^z

⁹Jehovah will indeed hear my request for favor;^{*}
 Jehovah himself will accept my own prayer.^q

¹⁰All my enemies^o will be very much ashamed^d
 and disturbed;^e
 They will turn back,⁺ they will be ashamed instantly.^q

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Or, "remembrance." ^c "She'ol," MSy; "Ha'des," LXX; in *fer'nus*, Vg.

zIsa 57:16
 Jer 10:24
 Jer 46:28
 *Ps 38:7
 Ps 41:3
 Ps 103:14
 *Ps 41:4
 *Ge 20:17
 Jer 17:14
 Ho 6:1
 *Job 19:21
 Job 33:19
 *Ps 31:9
 Mt 26:38
 *Ps 13:1
 Lu 18:7
 *Ps 16:10
 *Ps 90:13
 *Ps 17:13
 Ps 86:13
 Isa 38:17
 *Ps 25:7
 Eph 1:6
 kPs 30:9
 Ps 88:10
 Ps 115:17
 Ps 146:4
 Ec 3:20
 nEc 9:10
 Isa 38:18
 Job 9:4
 *Ps 69:3
 sLa 1:16
 tPs 39:12
 Lu 7:38
 uPs 31:9
 vPs 88:9
 yPs 119:115
 Ps 139:19
 Mt 7:23
 Mt 25:41
 zPs 3:4
 Ps 145:18
 Isa 30:19
 Heb 5:7
 *Ps 31:22
 Ps 40:1
 Ps 66:19
 Jon 2:2
 2Co 12:8
 *Ps 116:1
 2Co 1:11
 *Ps 25:3
 Ps 40:14
 Ps 109:29
 Isa 26:11
 Jer 20:11
 *Ps 68:1
 *Ps 21:9
 *Job 6:29
 Mal 3:18
 *Pr 29:1
 1Th 5:3

A dirge^a of David that he sang to Jehovah concerning the words of Cush the Ben'ja-min.ite.^{b*}

7 O Jehovah my God,^{*} in you I have taken refuge.^k

Save me from all those persecuting me and deliver me,ⁿ

²That no one may tear my soul^c to pieces as a lion does,^r
 Snatching [me] away when there is no deliverer.^s

³O Jehovah my God, if I have done this,^t
 If there exists any injustice in my hands,^u

⁴If I have repaid the one rewarding me with what is bad,^v

Or [if] I have despoiled anyone showing hostility to me unsuccessfully,^y

⁵Let an enemy pursue my soul^z
 And let him overtake and trample my life down to the very earth^{*}
 And cause my own glory to reside in the dust itself.^q *Se'lah.*

⁶Do arise, O Jehovah, in your anger;^a
 Lift yourself up at the outbursts of those showing hostility to me^b
 And do awake for me,^d [since] you have ordered judgment itself.^e

⁷And let the very assembly of national groups^e
 surround you^f

^a "A dirge." M, *Shig-ga-yôn'*; LXXVg, "A psalm." The word is of doubtful meaning and may denote a wild, passionate song with rapid changes of rhythm. If derived from the verb *sha-ag'*, *shig-ga-yôn'* may mean a roaring cry from joy or in danger. In Habakkuk 3:1 it occurs in the plural number. ^b Literally, "Cush the son of Jem'i-ni." ^c "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chē*; Vg, *d'ni-ma*. ^d "For me," M; "O Jehovah my God," LXXVg. ^e "National groups." M, *l'um-mim'*. Possibly this should read *elo-him'*, making the phrase read "let the very assembly of gods." Compare Psalm 82:1.

*2Sa 16:5

#Jos 14:8
 Ps 18:28
 Zec 14:5
 kPs 18:2
 Pr 18:10

nPs 17:7
 Ps 31:15
 Jer 15:15
 rPs 10:9
 Ps 22:13
 1Pe 5:8

sJg 18:28
 2Sa 14:6
 Job 10:7
 tJos 22:22
 2Sa 16:8
 u1Sa 24:11

vGe 44:4
 Pr 17:13
 y1Sa 19:4
 1Sa 22:14
 zPs 35:4
 *Isa 10:6
 *Job 16:15

Ec 3:20
 *Ps 3:7
 Ps 35:23
 Ps 44:26
 Ps 68:1
 Isa 3:13

*Ps 35:1
 Ps 94:2
 Isa 33:10
 Isa 37:20
 *Ps 44:23
 Ps 73:20
 Ps 78:65
 Isa 51:9

*Ps 76:9
 Ps 103:6
 Jude 15
 *Ps 44:2
 Ps 65:7
 Eze 38:13
 Re 11:18
 Re 16:14

And against it do you turn back on high.^a
 * Jehovah himself will pass sentence on the
 peoples.^{c2}
 Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my
 righteousness.^a
 And according to my integrity^d in me.
 * Please, may the badness of wicked^e ones come
 to an end^a
 And may you establish the righteous one,^d
 And be testing out the hearts^a and the
 kidneys,^a O righteous God.^{b3}
 10 The shield for me is upon God,^a a Savior of
 those upright in heart.^a
 11 God^c is a righteous Judge^k
 And God^d is handing down sentence^e every
 day.^a

^a That is, "the deepest emotions." ^b "O righteous God." M, *Elo-him'* *tsad.dig'*, the title *Elo-him'* being in the plural number and the adjective *tsad.dig'* being in the singular. On this Gesenius-Kautzsch's *Hebrew Grammar*, 1949 edition, pages 398, 399, paragraph g, says: "The pluralis excellentiae or maiestatis, as has been remarked above, is properly a variety of the abstract plural, since it sums up the several characteristics belonging to the idea, besides possessing the secondary sense of an intensification of the original idea. It is thus closely related to the plurals of amplification, . . . which are mostly found in poetry. So especially *Elo-him'* Godhead, God (to be distinguished from the numerical plural gods, Exodus 12:12, &c.). The supposition that *Elo-him'* is to be regarded as merely a remnant of earlier polytheistic views (that is, as originally only a numerical plural) is at least highly improbable, and, moreover, would not explain the analogous plurals. . . . That the language has entirely rejected the idea of numerical plurality in *Elo-him'* (whenever it denotes one God), is proved especially by its being almost invariably joined with a singular attribute . . . , for example, *Elo-him'* *tsad.dig'*, Psalm 7:10 [9, English], &c. Hence *Elo-him'* may have been used originally not only as a numerical but also as an abstract plural (corresponding to the Latin *nomen*, and our *Godhead*), and, like other abstracts of the same kind, have been transferred to the concrete single god (even of the heathen)."
^c "God." M, *Elo-him'*. See verse 9, footnote b. ^d "God." M, *El*. ^e Or, "God is cursing (scolding)." LXXVg, "he is not getting angry."

yEze 38:18
 zPs 9:8
 *Ge 31:53
 2Ch 20:12
 OPs 50:4
 Job 1:1
 Ps 25:21
 Ps 26:11
 Ps 41:12
 Ps 78:72
 Pr 19:1
 OPs 9:17
 APs 9:5
 OPs 37:25
 *Isa 16:7
 *1Ch 28:9
 *Ge 15:1
 Ps 89:18
 *Job 42:10
 Ps 125:4
 Pr 2:21
 kDe 32:36
 1Sa 2:10
 Ps 7:8
 Ps 96:10
 Ps 98:9
 Isa 33:22
 nPs 140:12

Ps 57:4
 Isa 55:7
 Jer 31:19
 sDe 32:41
 Isa 27:1
 Isa 34:5
 Eze 21:9
 tDe 32:23
 uHab 3:5
 vDe 32:42
 Ps 45:5
 Ps 64:7
 yIsa 33:11
 zIsa 59:4
 Jas 1:15
 *Ps 35:7
 Es 7:10
 Pr 26:27
 1Sa 24:12
 1Sa 26:10
 Ps 37:13
 1Sa 31:4
 1K1 2:32
 Es 9:25
 Mt 27:5
 *Ps 35:28
 Ps 51:14
 Ps 71:15
 Ps 98:2
 Ps 111:3
 Ps 145:7
 *Ps 9:2
 *Ps 83:18
 Ps 92:8
 Da 4:17
 Da 4:25
 Da 4:34
 Ac 7:48
 *Ps 81 Sup
 Ps 84 Sup
 kEx 15:11
 Ex 34:3
 De 28:58
 Ps 72:18
 Ps 113:4
 Ps 148:14
 Ac 4:24
 n1K1 8:27
 Ps 36:5
 Da 7:9
 Hab 3:3
 Re 4:2

12 If anyone will not return,^a His sword^b he will
 sharpen,^a
 His bow he will certainly bend^a and he will
 make it ready [for shooting].^c
 13 And for himself he will certainly prepare the
 instruments of death;^u
 He will make his arrows for those hotly
 pursuing.^v
 14 Look! there is one that is pregnant with what
 is hurtful,^y
 And he has conceived trouble and is bound
 to give birth to falsehood.^z
 15 A pit he has excavated and he proceeded to
 dig it,^a
 But he will fall into the hole [that] he pro-
 ceeded to make.^a
 16 His trouble will return upon his own head,^a
 And upon the crown of his head his own
 violence will descend.^d
 17 I shall laud Jehovah according to his right-
 eousness,^a
 And I will make melody^e to the name of
 Jehovah the Most High.^a
 To the director upon the Git'tith.^{b#}
 A melody of David.
 8 O Jehovah our Lord,^c how majestic your
 name is in all the earth,^k
 You whose dignity is recounted^d above the
 heavens!ⁿ

^a Literally, "tread" (by firmly planting the foot against the middle of it), M. ^b "Git'tith." Probably a musical expression not yet explained. LXXVg, "wine presses," as if "Git'tith" were derived from the Hebrew *gath*, meaning a press for oil or wine. ^c "Lord." M, *A.do.nim'*, the plural of *A.dōn'*, the plural of excellence. Compare Psalm 7:9, footnote b. ^d "You whose dignity is recounted." Vg LXX, "Because your magnificence has been lifted up." SyT, "You who have put (given) your glory."

- ² Out of the mouth^o of children and sucklings
you have founded^a strength,^r
On account of those showing hostility to
you,^s
So as to make the enemy and the one tak-
ing his vengeance desist.^t
- ³ When I see your heavens, the works of your
fingers,^u
The moon^o and the stars that you have
prepared,^v
- ⁴ What is mortal man that you keep him in mind,^y
And the son of earthling man^o that you
take care of him?^z
- ⁵ You also proceeded to make him a little less
than godlike ones^{b*}
And with glory and splendor you proceeded
to crown him.^z
- ⁶ You make him dominate over the works of
your hands,^o
Everything you have put under his feet:^z
- ⁷ Small cattle^c and oxen, all of them,^r
And also the beasts of the open field,^o
- ⁸ The birds of heaven and the fish^o of the sea,^r
Anything passing through the paths of the
seas.^r
- ⁹ O Jehovah our Lord, how majestic your name
is in all the earth!^h

To the director upon Muth-lab^hben.^d
A melody of David.

⌘ [Aleph]^e

9 I will laud [you], O Jehovah, with all my
heart;ⁿ

^a Or, by a change of one Hebrew letter, "corrected." ^b "Godlike ones." M, *el-o-him*; LXXVgSyT, "angels (messengers)." ^c "Small cattle," that is, sheep and goats. ^d M, *'al-muth' lab-ben*; an unexplained Hebrew expression, but read by some as "concerning the death of the son [champion, Tl]." ^e Psalm 9 is linked with Psalm 10 in an alphabetic or acrostic arrangement in the Hebrew text.

oPs 19:14
rMt 11:25
Mt 21:16
Lu 10:21
1Co 1:27
sEx 11:7
1Sa 2:9

tPs 44:16

uPs 19:1
Ro 1:20
oPs 72:5
vPs 104:19
yPs 144:3
Heb 2:6
z1Co 15:47
oPs 11:4
*Ps 103:20
Heb 2:9
Heb 2:16
oPs 21:1
Ps 45:3
Joh 1:14
Joh 13:31
Eph 1:21
Php 2:10
Col 1:19
Heb 2:8
oPs 95:4
aGe 1:26
Ge 9:2
Mt 28:18
Heb 1:2
oEc 9:12
oPs 110:1
1Co 15:25
Eph 1:22
Col 1:16
Heb 2:8
1Pe 3:22
aGe 1:25
Ge 9:3
oGe 2:20
aGe 1:20
Job 38:41
Ps 148:10
*Ge 1:21
Job 41:1
kDe 33:26
Ps 8:1
Ps 104:24
nPs 86:12
Ps 111:1
Ps 138:1
Lu 10:27

r1Ch 16:12
1Ch 29:11
Ps 106:2
sPs 28:7

tPs 97:9

uPs 56:9
vPs 80:16
Isa 64:3
2Th 1:6
yPs 16:5
Ps 140:12
zPs 47:8
Ps 89:14
Ps 96:13
Ps 98:9
Isa 11:4
1Pe 2:23
oJos 12:7
1Sa 17:45
Ps 2:9
Ps 78:55
Ps 79:10
Ps 149:7
Re 19:15
oPs 5:6
Mal 4:3
Heb 2:14
aDe 9:14
Pr 10:7
Pr 13:9
oEx 14:13
Ps 46:9
Isa 10:25
Isa 14:10
Na 1:9
*1Sa 31:7
oPs 10:16
o2K1 19:25
Isa 14:22
Jer 51:64
*Ps 90:2
Ps 102:12
2Pe 3:8
oPs 45:6
oPs 72:4
*Ps 50:4
Ps 103:19
Da 7:3
Re 4:2
Re 20:11
kGe 18:25
n1Sa 2:8
1Ch 16:30
rPs 96:13
sPs 57:9
Ps 108:3
Pr 14:34
tPs 94:15
uDe 33:27

I will declare all your wonderful works.^r
² I will rejoice and exult in you,^s
I will make melody to your name, O Most
High.^t

⌘ [Beth]

- ³ When my enemies turn back^u
They will stumble and perish because of
you.^v
- ⁴ For you have executed my judgment and my
cause;^y
You have sat on the throne judging with
righteousness.^z

⌘ [Gimel]

- ⁵ You have rebuked nations,^{*} you have destroyed
the wicked one.^z
Their name you have blotted out to time
indefinite, even forever.^a
- ⁶ O you enemy, [your] desolations have come
to their perpetual finish,^o
And the cities that you have uprooted.^r
The very mention of them will certainly
perish.^o

⌘ [He]

- ⁷ As for Jehovah, he will sit to time indefinite,^{*}
Firmly establishing his throne^o for judg-
ment itself.^r
- ⁸ And he himself will judge^{ok} the productive
land^{bn} in righteousness;^r
He will judicially try national^s groups in
uprightness.^t

⌘ [Waw]

- ⁹ And Jehovah will become a secure height for
anyone crushed,^u

^a Or, "forever and ever." See Exodus 15:18, footnote d. ^b *Te-bēl*, M; "the inhabited earth," LXX; "the orb of the earth," Vg.

A secure height in times of distress.^{c,v}
 10 And those knowing your name will trust in you,^y

For you will certainly not leave those looking for you, O Jehovah.^z

† [Zayin]

11 MAKE melody to Jehovah, who is dwelling in Zion;^z

TELL among the peoples his deeds.^z

12 For, when looking for bloodshed, he will certainly remember those very ones;^z
 He is sure not to forget the outcry of the afflicted ones.^z

† [Heth]

13 Show me favor,^z O Jehovah; see my affliction from those hating me,^z

O you who are lifting me up from the gates of death.^z

14 In order that I may declare all your praiseworthy^o deeds^z

In the gates^k of the daughter^o of Zion,ⁿ
 That I may be joyful in your salvation.^r

† [Teth]

15 The nations have sunk down into the pit that they have made;^z

In the net that they hid, their own foot has been caught.^t

16 Jehovah is known by the judgment that he has executed.^u

By the activity of his own hands the wicked one has been ensnared.^{av}

Hig-ga'ion.^b Se'lah.

^a "Has been ensnared," by a change of vowel-pointing of the Hebrew verb; "is entrapping," M. ^b "Hig-ga'ion." An unexplained Hebrew musical term or direction.

©Ps 31:7
 vPs 20:1

yPr 18:10

zPs 105:3
 Isa 45:19
 Jer 29:13
 2Co 1:10
 *Ps 78:28
 Ps 132:13
 Isa 12:6
 Isa 14:32
 Isa 54:5
 Heb 12:22
 Re 14:1

©Ps 66:5
 Ps 96:10
 Ps 105:1
 Isa 12:4
 Joh 17:26
 *Ge 9:5
 2Kl 24:4
 Isa 26:21
 Mt 23:35
 Lu 11:50
 Re 6:9
 Re 16:6
 *Ex 3:7
 Jg 10:16
 Lu 18:7
 Re 6:10
 *Ps 51:1
 *Ne 9:32
 Ps 25:19
 ©Ps 33:1

©Ps 45:9
 *Ps 30:3
 Ps 56:13
 Ps 107:18
 Jon 2:6
 Heb 2:14
 Re 1:18
 *Ps 106:2
 kPs 87:2
 Ps 116:19
 Isa 60:18
 Re 21:12
 nIsa 37:22
 rHab 3:18
 Lu 2:30
 sPs 7:15
 tPs 35:8
 uEx 14:4
 Jos 2:10
 Isa 6:20
 2Kl 19:19
 vPr 6:2

* [Yod]

©Ps 37:10
 ©Ps 49:15
 yPr 14:32
 Isa 3:11
 Mt 25:46
 zGe 37:35
 Nu 16:30
 Isa 5:14
 *Ps 44:20
 Ps 50:22
 Jer 2:32
 Ho 2:13
 ©Ps 72:4
 Lu 1:53
 Jas 2:5
 *Ps 37:11
 Mt 5:5
 *Pr 23:18
 Pr 24:14
 Ro 8:24
 *Ps 76:9
 *Job 4:17
 Ps 104:15
 Ps 144:3
 *Ge 32:28
 1Sa 2:9
 *Ps 79:6
 Zec 14:18
 kEx 15:16
 Ex 23:27
 De 2:25
 nIsa 31:3
 Eze 28:2
 Ac 12:23
 rPs 22:1
 Jer 14:8
 *Ps 13:1
 Ps 27:9
 Ps 44:24
 tEx 9:17
 Ps 119:51
 uPs 7:16
 Pr 5:22
 vEx 15:9
 Ps 35:21
 Ps 49:6
 Ps 52:1
 Ps 73:8
 Ps 94:4
 Isa 37:23

17 Wicked^{cy} people will turn back to She'ol,^{a,z}
 Even all the nations forgetting God.^{b*}

18 For not always will the poor one be forgotten;^z
 The hope of the meek^a ones will itself never perish.^z

† [Kaph]

19 Do arise, O Jehovah!* Let not mortal^o man show superior strength.^z
 Let the nations be judged before your face.^z

20 Do put fear into them,^o O Jehovah,^k
 That the nations may know that they are but mortal men.ⁿ Se'lah.

† [Lamed]

10^d Why, O Jehovah, do you keep standing afar off?^r

[Why] do you keep yourself hid^o in times of distress?^z

2 In his haughtiness the wicked one hotly pursues the afflicted one;^t

They get caught by the ideas that they have thought up.^u

3 For the wicked has praised himself over the selfish longing of his soul,^v

^a "She'ol," MSyT; "Ha'des," LXX; in-fer'nus, Vg. ^b "God," M, Elo-him'. ^c Or, "Do put a curse upon them"; by a correction of M. ^d In LXXVg this Psalm 10 is combined with the preceding psalm to make a psalm of 39 verses. Notice how Psalms 9 and 10 are closely connected by the fact that the alphabetic acrostic continues on from Psalm 9 into Psalm 10, this Psalm 10 beginning with the 12th Hebrew alphabetic letter (lamed). ^e "Keep yourself hid," in agreement with T.

And the one making undue profit^y has
blessed himself;

י [Nun]^b

He has disrespected Jehovah.^{az}

⁴ The wicked one according to his supercilious-
ness^c makes no search;^{*}

All his ideas are: "There is no God."^{ad}

⁵ His ways keep prospering^e all the time.⁴

Your judicial decisions are high up out of
his range;^o

As for all those showing hostility to him,
he puffs at them.^{*}

⁶ He has said in his heart: "I shall not be made
to totter,^o

"For generation after generation [I shall
be] one who is in no calamity."^x

פ [Pe]

⁷ His mouth is full of oath-bound curses and of
deceptions and of oppression.[#]

Under his tongue are trouble and what is
hurtful.^k

⁸ He sits in an ambush of green grass;^{fn}

From hiding places he will kill someone
innocent.^r

^a This line read originally: "And the one making undue profit has disrespected Jehovah." The word "blessed" was a reading that was put into the margin to be read in place of "has disrespected." See Ginsburg's *Introduction to the Massoretico-Critical Edition of the Hebrew Bible*, pages 365, 366. See also Genesis 18: 22, footnote a. ^b In this acrostic psalm, notice that the 13th Hebrew letter (*mem*) has been omitted between this *nun* and the letter *lamed* above. ^c Literally, "according to the height of his nose," M. ^d "God." M, *Elo.him*. ^e "Prospering," by a correction. Literally, "enduring," M. ^f "Green grass," by a slight change of vowel-pointing. Literally, "settlements," M.

yJas 4:13

zIsa 57:17
Jer 22:17
Mt 26:15
Lu 12:15
*Ps 18:27
Ps 101:5
Pr 21:4
Isa 2:11
Isa 3:9
□Ps 14:1
Ps 53:1
Eph 2:12
△Ge 6:12
Ps 37:35
Pr 1:19
Ho 9:9
Ro 3:16
□Ps 92:6
Isa 26:11
Ho 14:9
*Jg 9:23
2Sa 5:6
1Ki 20:10
□Ps 11:1
Mt 24:48
*Ps 30:6
Ec 8:11
1Th 5:3
2Pe 3:4

*Ps 59:12
Ro 3:14

kPs 7:14

n1Sa 23:23
Pr 1:11
Hab 3:14

r1Sa 22:18

י [Ayin]

His eyes are on the lookout for someone
unfortunate.^{as}

⁹ He keeps lying in wait in the hiding place
like a lion^o in his covert.^t

He keeps lying in wait to carry off some
afflicted one by force.^u

He carries off the afflicted one by force
when he draws his net shut.^v

¹⁰ He is crushed, he bows down,^y
And the army of dejected ones^b has to fall
into his strong [claws].^z

¹¹ He has said in his heart: "God^c has for-
gotten.[□]

"He has hidden his face.⁴

"He will certainly never see [it]."^o

ק [Qoph]

¹² Do arise,^{*} O Jehovah. O God,^c lift up your
hand.^o

Do not forget the afflicted ones.^{*}

¹³ Why is it that the wicked one has disrespected
God?^{ad}

He has said in his heart: "You will not
require an accounting."^k

ר [Resh]

¹⁴ For you yourself have seen trouble and vexa-
tion.ⁿ

You keep looking on,^r to get [them] into
your hand.^s

sPs 17:11
Jer 22:17

□Pr 26:13
Ps 17:12
Ps 59:3
Mic 7:2

Ac 23:21
1Pe 5:8
uLa 3:10
Zec 11:3

vJer 5:26
Eze 19:3
Hab 1:15
Joh 10:12

2Ti 3:6
y1Sa 2:36
z1Sa 18:21
2Sa 15:5

*Ps 10:6
Mr 2:6
Lu 7:39
□Ps 64:5

Ec 8:11
△Ps 73:11
□Ps 94:7
Eze 8:12

Eze 9:9
*Ps 3:7

□Ps 94:2
Isa 26:11
Isa 33:10
Mic 5:9

*Ps 13:1
*Nu 11:20
2Sa 12:9
Lu 10:16

kGe 9:5
2Ch 24:22
Lu 11:50

nPs 35:22
Pr 15:3
rHab 1:13
sJg 1:7

2Ki 9:26
2Ch 6:23
Jer 51:56
Joe 3:4

^a "Someone unfortunate." The Hebrew word here is doubtful in meaning; reading it to mean "your military forces" does not suit the context. ^b "The army of dejected ones." The Hebrew word thus rendered is doubtful in meaning. ^c "God." M, *El*. ^d "God." M, *Elo.him*; plural of *Elo'ah*.

To you the unfortunate one,^t the fatherless^o
boy, commits [himself].^u
You yourself have become [his] helper.^v

ψ [Shin]

¹⁵ Break the arm of the wicked and bad one.^v
May you search after his wickedness [un-
til] you find no more.^z

¹⁶ Jehovah is King to time indefinite, even for-
ever.^{a*}

The nations have perished^o out of his
earth.^o

η [Taw]

¹⁷ The desire of the meek ones you will certainly
hear,^a O Jehovah.

You will prepare their heart.^o You will pay
attention with your ear.⁺

¹⁸ To judge the fatherless boy and the crushed
one,^o

That mortal^x man who is of the earth may
no more cause trembling.^b

To the director. Of David.

11^c In Jehovah I have taken refuge.^k
How dare you men say to my soul:

"Flee as a bird^o to YOUR mountain!"^oⁿ

² For, look! the wicked ones themselves bend
the bow,^r

They do make ready their arrow upon the
bowstring,^s

To shoot in the gloom at the ones upright
in heart.^t

³ In case the foundations themselves are torn
down,^u

^a Or, "forever and ever." ^b Or, "That mortal man may no more con-
tinue to move tremblingly out of the earth." ^c In LXXVg this be-
comes Psalm 10, changing their numbering of the psalms that follow.

oPs 68:5
tPs 55:22
2Ti 1:12
1Pe 4:19
uJer 49:11
vDe 10:18
Ps 146:9
Ho 14:3
yJob 38:15
Ps 3:7
Ps 37:17
Eze 30:21
Zec 11:17
zKi 21:13
Jer 2:34

oPs 119:92
*Ps 29:10
Ps 93:1
Jer 10:10
Da 4:34
oPs 9:5
Ps 44:2
Ps 78:55
a2Ch 33:12
2Ch 34:27
Ps 37:11
Lu 18:13
Jas 4:6
1Pe 5:5
o1Ch 29:18
2Ch 29:36
2Ch 30:12
Ps 112:7
*Ps 102:17
Ac 12:5
Jas 5:16
1Pe 3:12
oPs 72:4
*Ps 9:19
Eze 18:4
k2Ch 14:11

oPs 124:7
oPs 15:1
n1Sa 19:11
Ps 55:6
Lu 13:31
rPs 37:14
sPs 64:5
t1Sa 18:21
1Sa 23:9
Ps 142:3
Mt 26:4
Ac 23:12
uPs 75:3
Ps 82:5
Isa 58:12
2Ti 2:19

vNe 6:12
Jer 26:15
Da 3:16
Ac 4:19
oPs 33:21
vEx 40:34
Hab 2:20
Zec 2:13
oPs 135:16
oPs 115:4
zPs 103:19
Isa 66:1
Re 4:2
*2Ch 16:9
Ps 33:13
Heb 4:13
oGe 22:1
Mal 3:3
1Co 10:13
oIsa 30:33
aPs 21:8
Pr 6:16
oGe 19:24
Ex 9:24
Eze 38:22
oIsa 43:4
oPs 36:6
*Ps 75:8
Isa 51:17
Jer 25:15
Re 16:1
oEx 34:6
Ps 99:4
*Ps 146:8
*Job 36:7
1Pe 3:12
k1Ch 15:21
Ps 6 Sup
nPs 3:7
rGe 6:12
sPr 20:6
Lu 18:8
tPs 10:7
Ps 41:6
u1Ch 12:32
Ps 5:9
Ro 16:18
1Th 2:5
Jas 1:8
vJob 32:22
vEx 15:9
Eze 28:2
Da 4:30
2Pe 2:18
Re 13:5
zJer 18:18
Jas 3:6

Anyone righteous—what must he do?^v

⁴ Jehovah is in his holy^o temple.^y

Jehovah—in the heavens is his throne.^z
His own eyes^o behold, his own beaming
eyes^a examine^t the sons of men.^b

⁵ Jehovah himself examines the righteous one
as well as the wicked one,^c

And anyone loving violence His soul cer-
tainly hates.^d

⁶ He will rain down upon the wicked ones traps,
fire and sulphur^o

And a scorching wind, as the portion of
their cup.⁺

⁷ For Jehovah is righteous;^o he does love^o right-
eous^o acts.^x

The upright are the ones that will behold
his face.^c

To the director on the lower octave,^{dk}
A melody of David.

12 Do save [me],^{en} O Jehovah, for the man
of loving-kindness has come to an end,^r
For faithful people have vanished from the
sons of men.^{bs}

² Untruth they keep speaking one to the other;^t
With a smooth lip they keep speaking even
with a double heart.^{tu}

³ Jehovah will cut off all smooth lips,^v
The tongue speaking great things,^y

⁴ Those who have said: "With our tongue we
shall prevail."^z

^a Or, "his eyelids." ^b "Men." M, a-dam'. ^c This line was emended by
the Jewish Sopherim to read: "The upright is the one his face
beholds." Compare Genesis 18:22, footnote a. ^d "On the lower
octave." M, "on the sh'mi-nith'." See Psalm 6, superscription, foot-
note e. ^e "Me," LXXVg; omitted by MSy. ^f Literally, "with a heart
and a heart," M.

"Our lips are with us. Who will be a master to us?"

⁵ "For the violence to the afflicted ones, for the sighing of the poor ones,"

"I shall at this time arise," says Jehovah.^a

"I shall put [him] in a place safe from anyone that puffs at him."^o

⁶ The sayings of Jehovah are pure sayings,^a As silver^o refined in a smelting furnace^a of earth, clarified seven times.^o

⁷ You yourself, O Jehovah, will guard them;^a You will preserve each one from this generation^o onward, which is to time indefinite.^a

⁸ The wicked ones walk all around^k Because vileness is exalted among the sons of men.^a

To the director. A melody of David.

13 How long, O Jehovah, will you forget me?^r Forever?^a

How long will you hide your face from me?^t

² How long shall I set resistance in my soul,^u Grief in my heart by day?^v

How long will my enemy be exalted over me?^v

³ Do look [upon me];^z answer me, O Jehovah my God.

Do make my eyes shine, that I may not fall asleep in death,^a

⁴ That my enemy may not say: "I have won out over him!"^o

[That] my adversaries themselves may [not] be joyful because I am made to stagger.^a

*Ge 3:5
Ex 5:2
Job 21:15
Da 3:15
2Th 2:4
*Ex 2:24
Ps 10:12
*Isa 33:10
Zep 3:8
*Ps 10:5
*2Sa 22:31
Ps 119:140
Pr 30:5
*Ps 115:4
*Ps 66:10
Mal 3:3
*De 33:3
1Sa 2:9
Ps 37:40
*Ps 49:11
*Ps 121:8
Ps 145:20
kHo 5:11
Mic 6:16

nJg 9:18
2Ti 3:1

rPs 6:3
Ps 10:12
Ps 74:1
Ps 80:4
Ps 89:46
Ps 94:3
sLa 5:20
tDe 31:17
Job 13:24
Ps 22:2
Isa 59:2
uJob 7:15
Job 9:20
Ps 77:2
Ps 142:4
vNe 2:2
Ps 116:3
Pr 15:13
yPs 22:7
Ps 123:4
Lu 22:53
zPs 9:13
*Jer 51:39
Jer 51:57
Ac 7:60
Ac 13:36
*Ps 9:19
La 1:16
*Jer 1:19

^a "A smelting furnace," according to T. Possibly, "an entrance." The Hebrew word is of doubtful meaning.

*Ps 32:10
Ps 147:11
Isa 12:2
*1Sa 2:1
Hab 3:18
Lu 1:47
*Ps 21:13
Ps 116:7
Ps 119:17
*1Sa 25:25
Ps 92:6
*Pr 1:7
Pr 1:22
*Ps 119:32
kPs 10:4
Ro 1:21
Eph 2:12
nGe 6:5
Re 11:18
*Mt 15:19
Tit 1:16
*Ro 3:10
Eph 2:3
tGe 6:12
Ge 11:5
Isa 64:1
La 3:50
uPs 82:5
Pr 8:5
Mt 13:15
Ro 3:11
v2Ch 19:3
Ps 69:32
Heb 11:6
yEc 7:29
zIsa 64:6
*De 1:35
Job 14:4
*Ro 3:10
1Co 6:5
*Ps 94:8
2Co 4:4
*Jer 10:25
Mic 3:2
Ga 5:15

⁵ As for me, in your loving-kindness^a I have trusted;^o

My heart is willing to be joyful in your salvation.^a

⁶ I will sing to Jehovah, for he has dealt rewardingly with me.^b

To the director. Of David.

14 The senseless^a one has said in his heart:^o "There is no Jehovah."^{ek}

They have acted ruinously,ⁿ they have acted detestably in [their] dealing.^r

There is no one doing good.^{ds}

² As for Jehovah, he has looked down from heaven itself upon the sons of men,^t To see whether there exists anyone having insight,^u anyone seeking Jehovah.^{ev}

³ They have all turned aside,^v they are alike corrupt,^z

There is no one doing good,^a

Not even one.^f

⁴ Have none of the practicers of what is hurtful got knowledge,^a

Eating up my people as they have eaten bread?^o

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b LXXVg add: "And I shall make melody to the name of Jehovah the Most High." See Psalm 7:17. ^c "Jehovah." This was the original Hebrew word, but the Jewish Sopherim changed it to read "God." M, *Elohim*. Compare Genesis 18:3, footnote a. ^d LXX adds: "There is not even one." ^e "Jehovah." This was the original Hebrew word, but the Jewish Sopherim changed it to read "God." M, *Elohim*; T, "Jehovah." See 1 Chronicles 13:12, footnote a. ^f LXXVg add here the words quoted by the apostle Paul at Romans 3:13-18, namely: "An opened grave their throat is, with their tongues they have used deceit. Poison of asps is under their lips, and their mouth is full of cursing and bitter expression. Speedy are their feet to shed blood. Ruin and calamity are in their ways, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

They have not called even upon Jehovah.^a
² There they were filled with a great dread,^a
 For Jehovah^b is among the generation of
 the righteous one.^c

³ The counsel of the afflicted one you people
 would put to shame,^c
 Because Jehovah is his refuge.^k

⁴ O that out of Zion there were the salvation
 of Israel!ⁿ

When Jehovah returns with the captive
 ones of his people,^r

Let Jacob^o be joyful, let Israel^o rejoice.^s

A melody of David.

15 O Jehovah, who will be a guest in your
 tent?^t

Who will reside in your holy mountain?^u

² He who is walking faultlessly and practicing
 righteousness^v

And speaking the truth^o in his heart.^v

³ He has not slandered with his tongue.^z
 To his companion^o he has done nothing
 bad^w

And no reproach^o has he taken up against
 his intimate acquaintance.

⁴ In his eyes anyone contemptible is certainly
 rejected.^a

But those fearing Jehovah he honors.^o

He has sworn to what is bad^c [for him-
 self] and yet does not alter.^s

⁵ His money^o he has not given out on interest,^o
 And a bribe against the innocent one he has
 not taken.^s

^a Literally, "they dreaded a dread," M. ^b "Jehovah" (*Do'mi-nus*),
 Vg; "the Meim'ra [or, word (?) of Jehovah," T. See verse 2,
 footnote e. ^c "Sworn to his neighbor," LXXVgSy.

Ps 79:6
 Isa 64:7
 Ex 15:16
 Ps 53:5

Ps 46:7
 Ps 112:2
 Mt 1:23

Ps 3:2
 Mt 27:40
 kPs 9:9
 Heb 6:18

nIsa 12:6

rPs 53:6
 sEzr 3:11
 Ne 12:43
 sPs 47:4
 cPs 89:18

tPs 23:6
 Ps 27:4
 Ps 61:4
 Ps 84:4
 Joh 14:2

Re 21:3
 sPs 72:3
 uPs 2:6
 Heb 12:22

Re 14:1
 vAc 10:35
 Eph 2:10
 cPs 85:10
 yZec 8:16

Eph 4:25
 Col 3:9
 cPr 3:28

zLe 19:16
 Ps 101:5
 Tit 3:2
 Jas 4:11

cPs 69:9
 *Isa 24:11
 Mt 7:12
 Ro 12:17

sEs 3:2
 Ps 101:6
 cPs 101:6
 Pr 1:7

sJos 9:18
 Mt 5:33
 cIsa 43:24
 cEx 22:25

De 23:19
 Ne 5:7
 Ex 23:8
 De 16:19
 Mt 26:15

Ps 55:22
 Pr 12:3
 2Pe 1:10

kPs 9:10
 nPs 91:2
 Isa 26:13
 Zec 13:9
 rLu 17:10

Ro 11:35
 s2Ch 6:41
 Ps 30:4
 Ps 116:15

Ac 9:13
 Eph 1:1
 tPs 119:63
 Pr 13:20

Isa 62:4
 uPs 32:10
 Ps 97:7
 Jon 2:8

Re 18:5
 cIsa 57:6
 cPs 68:23

vIsa 66:3
 Jer 7:18
 yEx 23:13
 Jos 23:7

Ho 2:17
 zDe 32:9
 Ps 73:26
 Ps 119:57

*Ps 23:5
 Eph 5:18
 sPs 9:4
 sPs 21:1

Heb 12:2
 cJer 3:19
 Ro 8:17
 Eph 1:18

Re 3:21
 *Ps 73:24
 Pr 8:14
 Isa 48:17

Isa 50:4

^a "Mik'tam." The meaning of this Hebrew word is doubtful. It is now understood not to be derived from *kheth'em*, meaning "gold," or the verb *kha.tham'*, meaning to "stain." A suggested meaning is "Psalm of expiation." ^b "God." M, El. ^c "I have said," according to some Hebrew manuscripts, LXXVgSy. But M reads, "You have said," addressed to something feminine. ^d "Jehovah." M, A.do.nay'. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read A.do.nay' instead of Y'ho.wah'. See Genesis 18:3, footnote a. ^e Or, by a correction of M: "Jehovah, you have appointed my share and my cup." ^f "My own possession," LXXVgSy.

He that is doing these things will never be
 made to totter.^g

A mik'tam^a of David.

16 Keep me, O God,^b for I have taken
 refuge in you.^k

² I have said^c to Jehovah: "You are Jehovah;^d
 my goodness is, not for your sake,^r

³ "[But] to the holy ones that are in the earth.^s
 "They, even the majestic ones, are the ones
 in whom is all my delight."^t

⁴ The pains of those become many [who], when
 there is someone else, do hurry [after
 him].^u

I shall not pour out their drink^o offerings
 of blood,^v

And I shall not carry their names upon my
 lips.^y

⁵ Jehovah is the portion of my allotted share^z
 and of my cup.^e

You are holding fast my lot.^a

⁶ The measuring lines themselves have fallen for
 me in pleasant places.^a

Really, [my own] possession^f has proved
 agreeable to me.^g

⁷ I shall bless Jehovah, who has given me
 advice.^h

Really, during the nights my kidneys^a have corrected me.^a

^a I have placed Jehovah in front of me constantly.^a

Because [he] is at my right^c hand I shall not be made to totter.^a

^b Therefore my heart does rejoice and my glory^b is inclined to be joyful.^k

Also, my own flesh will reside in security.ⁿ

¹⁰ For you will not leave my soul^c in She'ol.^d^{or}

You will not allow your man of loving-kindness to see the pit.^{es}

¹¹ You will cause me to know the path of life.^t

Rejoicing to the full is with your face;^u

There is pleasantness at your right hand forever.^v

A prayer of David.

17 Do hear what is righteous, O Jehovah; do pay attention to my entreating cry;^y

Do give ear to my prayer without lips of deception.^z

² From before you may my judgment go forth;^{*}

May your own eyes behold uprightness.^q

³ You have examined my heart, you have made inspection by night,^a

You have refined me; you will discover [that] I have not schemed.^q

My mouth will not transgress.^{*}

⁴ As for the activities of men,^f

By the word of your lips I myself have watched against the paths of the robber.^{*}

Ps 17:3
Ps 26:2
Re 2:23
Ps 139:18
Ac 2:25
Heb 11:27
Ps 21:8
Ps 62:6
Ps 73:23
Ps 109:31
kPs 30:12
Lu 10:21
Ac 2:26
nJob 14:14
Job 19:26
Isa 26:19
1Th 4:14
Ps 49:15
Pr 15:11
Ac 2:31
Ac 3:15
Re 1:18
Job 17:14
Isa 38:17
Jon 2:6
Ps 21:4
Pr 12:28
Ro 8:11
uPs 21:6
Mt 5:8
Ac 2:28
vMt 25:33
Ac 7:56
1Pe 3:22
yPs 5:2
Ps 7:8
Ps 43:1
Ps 140:12
zPs 145:18
Mt 15:8
Joh 1:47
Ps 37:6
Jude 24
cJob 1:8
Mt 3:17
aPs 11:5
1Co 4:4
dJob 23:10
Ps 44:17
Ps 66:10
Mal 3:2
1Pe 1:7
ePs 39:1
eGe 6:5
1Pe 4:3
fPs 119:9
Joh 17:17

*Isa 2:9
Ps 119:133

kPs 18:36
Ps 94:18
Ps 121:3

nPs 55:16
Ps 66:19
rPs 116:2
Isa 37:17
oPs 103:4

sPs 31:21
Ps 78:12
Re 15:3

tEx 15:6
Isa 17:47
2K1 19:34
Ps 5:11
Ps 10:14
uDe 32:10
Zec 2:8

vRu 2:12
Ps 36:7
Ps 57:1
y1Ch 17:9
zIsa 24:11
Ps 7:5
Ps 35:4

*De 32:15
Ps 119:70
Isa 6:10
Ac 28:27
oEx 5:2
Ps 73:9
Re 13:6

*Isa 23:26

qPs 7:2
Ps 72:13
1Pe 5:8

rPs 3:7
Ps 7:6
Isa 51:9

sPs 7:12
Isa 13:5
Isa 37:26

⁵ Let my steps take hold^a on your tracks,^{*} [In which] my footsteps will certainly not be made to totter.^k

⁶ I myself do call upon you because you will answer me, O God.^{bn}

Incline your ear to me. Hear my saying.^r

⁷ Make your acts of loving-kindnesses^c wonderful,^s O Savior of those seeking refuge

From the revolvers against your right hand.^t

⁸ Keep me as the pupil of the eyeball,^u

In the shadow of your wings may you conceal me,^v

⁹ Because of the wicked who have despoiled me.^y

The enemies against my soul themselves keep closing in upon me.^z

¹⁰ They have enclosed [themselves] with their own fat;^{*}

With their mouth they have spoken in haughtiness;^q

¹¹ As regards our steps, now they have surrounded me;^a

They fix their eyes to incline to the earth.

¹² His likeness is that of a lion that yearns to tear to pieces^b

And that of a young lion sitting in hiding places.

¹³ Do rise up, O Jehovah; do confront him to the face;^{*}

Make him bow down; do provide escape for my soul from the wicked one with your sword.^q

^a Or, "deepest emotions." ^b "Tongue." LXXVg. ^c "Soul." M, *neph'-esh*; LXX, *psy-che'*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*. ^d "She'ol," MSy; "Ha'des," LXX; *in-fer'nus*, Vg. ^e "Pit," M; "corruption," LXXVgSy. ^f "Men." M, *a-dam'*.

^a Literally, "Let there be a taking hold by my steps." The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive absolute and hence is impersonal and indefinite as to time. ^b "God." M, *El*. ^c Literally, "your loving-kindnesses."

¹⁴ From men, [by] your hand, O Jehovah,*
From men of [this] system^a of things,^a
whose share is in [this] life,*
And whose belly you fill with your hidden
treasure,[□]
Who are satisfied with sons^Δ
And who do lay up for their children what
they leave over.[□]

¹⁵ As for me, in righteousness I shall behold your
face;*
I am willing to be satisfied when awakening
[to see] your form.^b

To the director. Of Jehovah's servant, of David,
who spoke to Jehovah the words of this song in
the day that Jehovah had delivered him out of the
palm of all his enemies and^c out of the hand of
Saul. And he proceeded to say:

18 I shall have affection for you,^d O Jeho-
vah my strength.*

² Jehovah is my crag and my stronghold and
the Provider of escape for me.^Δ
My God^e is my rock. I shall take refuge in
him,^f
My shield and my horn of salvation, my
secure height.^Δ

³ On the One to be praised, Jehovah, I shall call,^Δ
And from my enemies I shall be saved.^Δ

⁴ The ropes of death encircled me;^Δ
Flash floods of good-for-nothing men^Δ also
kept frightening me.^Δ

^a "System of things." M, *hheled*. Or, "the duration of life." ^b Or, "looking at your form," by a correction of M. "Awakening as to your form," M; "your glory is seen," LXX. ^c Or, "especially." ^d Possibly, "I shall exalt you," by a correction of M. ^e "God." M, *El*. ^f Or, "my rock in which I shall take refuge." ^g Or, "of no usefulness"; literally, "of Be'li-al," M.

*Ex 3:20
Ps 44:2
Ps 108:6
*Ps 49:1
*Lu 12:20
Jas 5:5
*Job 21:13
Job 22:18
Mt 5:45
*Ps 127:4
Pr 17:6
*Ps 39:6
*Job 19:26
Ps 5:7
Ps 119:111
*Nu 12:8
Mt 5:8
Heb 12:14
1Jo 3:2
*2Sa 22:1
Ps 18:32
Ps 28:7
Ps 116:1
Ps 118:14
Isa 12:2
1Jo 4:19
*Ps 28:1
Ps 62:2
Ps 91:2
Ps 144:2
Jer 16:19
kDe 32:4
De 33:27
Ps 46:1
*2Sa 22:3
Pr 2:7
Pr 18:10
Lu 1:69
*2Sa 22:4
Ps 5:2
Ps 28:1
Ps 55:16
Ps 148:1
Re 4:11
*Ps 50:15
Ps 91:15
Lu 1:71
Ac 2:21
*Ps 116:3
Mt 26:38
Mr 14:34
2Co 1:9
*2Sa 22:5
Ps 22:16
Jon 2:3
Mt 26:47
Ac 21:30

v2Sa 22:6
Ps 116:3
yAc 2:24

*Ps 50:15
Ps 130:1
Mr 14:36
Ac 12:5
*Lu 18:1
1Th 5:17
*2Sa 22:7
Ps 11:4
Hab 2:20
*Ex 2:23
1Ki 8:28
2Ch 30:27
Ps 34:15
*Mt 27:51

*De 32:22
2Sa 22:8
Ps 46:2
Ps 114:4
Jer 4:24
Hab 3:6
*Eze 88:19
Zep 2:3
*Ge 19:24
Le 10:2
Nu 16:35
2Sa 22:9
Ps 11:6
Ps 21:9
2Th 1:8
*2Sa 22:10
Ps 144:5
kDe 5:22
Mr 15:33
*Ps 99:1
nPs 99:1

rPs 104:3
cPs 104:20
sPs 97:2
tDe 4:11
u2Sa 22:13
Hab 3:4
Mt 17:5
*Ps 22:14
vEx 9:23
Jos 10:11
Ps 97:3
*Ps 105:32
*Ps 83:18
yEx 20:18
1Sa 7:10
Job 40:9
Joh 12:29
Re 4:5

⁵ The very ropes of She'ol surrounded me;^Δ
The snares of death confronted me.^Δ
⁶ In my distress I kept calling upon Jehovah,^Δ
And to my God^a I kept crying for help.*
Out of his temple he proceeded to hear my
voice,[□]
And my own cry before him for help now
came into his ears.^Δ
⁷ And the earth began to shake and rock,[□]
And the foundations of the mountains
themselves became agitated,^Δ
And they kept shaking back and forth be-
cause he had been angered.[□]
⁸ Smoke went up at his nostrils, and there was
fire devouring from his mouth;^Δ
Burning coals themselves blazed forth from
him.
⁹ And he proceeded to bend the heavens down
and descend.^Δ
And thick gloom was beneath his feet.^k
¹⁰ And he came riding upon a cherub[□] and came
flying,ⁿ
And he came darting upon the wings of a
spirit.^{br}
¹¹ He proceeded to put darkness[□] as his hiding
place,^s
All around him as his booth,
Dark waters,^c thick clouds.^t
¹² Out of the brightness in front of him there
were his clouds that passed by,^u
Hail[□] and burning coals of fire.^v
¹³ And in the heavens Jehovah[□] began to
thunder,^y

^a "God." M, *Elohim*. ^b Or, "wings of wind [winds, LXXVg]." ^c Literally, "darkness of waters," M.

And the Most High himself began to give his voice,^z
 Hail and burning coals of fire.*
¹⁴ And he kept sending out his arrows, that he might scatter them;[□]
 And lightnings[○] he shot out, that he might throw them into confusion.[△]
¹⁵ And the stream beds of waters became visible,[◇]
 And the foundations of the productive land^a became uncovered*
 From your rebuke, O Jehovah, from the blast^b of the breath^c of your nostrils.^d
¹⁶ He was sending^e from on high, he was taking me,^x
 He was drawing me out of great waters.*
¹⁷ He was delivering me from my strong enemy,^k
 And from those hating me; because they were stronger than I was.ⁿ
¹⁸ They kept confronting me in the day of my disaster,^r
 But Jehovah came to be as a support for me.^s
¹⁹ And he proceeded to bring me out into a roomy place;^t
 He was rescuing me, because he had found delight in me.^u
²⁰ Jehovah rewards me according to my righteousness;^v
 According to the cleanness of my hands he repays me.^y

^a "The inhabited earth," LXX, as at Matthew 24: 14. *Or'bis ter-ra-rum* ("circle of the whole earth"), Vg; that is, the terrestrial circle.
^b "Blast." M, *n'sha-mah'*; translated "breath" at Genesis 2: 7.
^c *Ru'ahh*, M; *pneu'ma*, LXX; *spi'ri-tus*, Vg. See Genesis 1: 2, footnote d. ^d Or, "anger." ^e Or, "reaching." That is, sending out his hand.

z2Sa 22:14
 Ps 29:3
 *Hab 3:5
 □Nu 24:8
 De 32:23
 Ps 77:17
 Hab 3:11
 □Ps 77:18
 △2Sa 22:15
 Ps 144:6
 ◇Jos 3:16
 Ps 74:15
 Ps 106:9
 *2Sa 22:16
 Job 38:4
 □Ex 15:8
 Job 4:9
 *2Sa 22:17
 Ps 57:3
 *Ps 32:6
 Ps 124:4
 Isa 43:2
 Re 17:15
 k2Sa 22:18
 Ps 38:19
 Heb 2:14
 nPs 25:19
 Ps 35:10
 Eph 6:12
 r1Sa 19:11
 2Sa 22:19
 sPs 46:1
 tPs 31:8
 Ps 118:5
 u1Ki 10:9
 Ps 22:8
 Ps 37:23
 Ps 149:4
 Isa 42:1
 Mt 3:17
 vPs 58:11
 Pr 11:18
 Isa 62:11
 y1Sa 24:11
 Ps 24:4
 Ps 26:6

z1Sa 12:3
 2Sa 22:22
 *Ps 17:4
 Ps 26:1
 Ps 119:102
 Ac 24:16
 1Jo 2:19
 □Ps 119:108
 △Ps 119:16
 2Sa 22:24
 Job 1:1
 Ps 84:11
 *1Sa 26:23
 Ps 17:3
 Pr 4:23
 □Ru 2:12
 Mt 10:41
 *2Sa 22:25
 Pr 5:21
 #Ps 112:4
 Mt 6:14
 Mt 18:35
 Jas 2:13
 kRo 9:14
 nIsa 52:11
 Mt 5:8
 Re 18:4
 r2Sa 22:27
 Ps 125:5
 sPs 9:18
 Ps 34:19
 Isa 57:15
 tPs 101:5
 Pr 6:17
 Lu 18:14
 □Ps 119:105
 □Ps 109:26
 uPs 132:17
 vIsa 42:16
 Mt 4:16
 Lu 1:79
 1Pe 2:9
 y1Sa 17:45
 2Sa 5:19
 Ps 144:1
 Re 3:21
 z2Sa 22:30
²¹ For I have kept the ways of Jehovah,^z
 And I have not wickedly departed from my God.*
²² For all his judicial decisions are in front of me,[□]
 And his statutes I shall not remove from myself.[△]
²³ And I am willing to prove myself faultless with him,[◇]
 And I shall keep myself from error on my part.*
²⁴ And let Jehovah repay me according to my righteousness,[□]
 According to the cleanness of my hands in front of his eyes.*
²⁵ With one of loving-kindness^a you will act in loving-kindness;[#]
 With the faultless, able-bodied man you will deal faultlessly;^k
²⁶ With the one keeping clean you will show yourself clean,ⁿ
 And with the crooked one you will show yourself tortuous.^{br}
²⁷ For the afflicted^c people you yourself will save,^s
 But the haughty eyes you will abase.^t
²⁸ For you yourself will light my lamp,[○] O Jehovah;^{ou}
 My God^d himself will make my darkness shine.^v
²⁹ For by you I can run against a marauder band,^y
 And by my God^d I can climb a wall.^z

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b "Tortuous," like a wrestler, according to the root of the Hebrew verb here used. ^c Or, "humble." ^d "God." M, *Elo-him'*.

- ³⁰ As for The [true] God,^a perfect is his way;^{*}
The saying of Jehovah is a refined one.[□]
A shield he is to all those taking refuge in him.^Δ
- ³¹ For who is a God^b besides Jehovah?[○]
And who is a rock^p except our God?^c
- ³² The [true] God^a is the One girding me closely
with vital energy,[®]
And he will grant my way to be perfect,^{*}
- ³³ Making my feet like those of the hinds,^{*}
And upon places high^o for me he keeps me
standing.^k
- ³⁴ He is teaching my hands for warfare,^{Δn}
And my arms have pressed down a bow^o
of copper.^r
- ³⁵ And you will give me your shield of salvation,^s
And your own right hand will sustain me^t
And your own humility will make me
great.^{eu}
- ³⁶ You will make room large enough for my
steps under me,^v
And my ankles will certainly not wobble.^y
- ³⁷ I shall pursue my enemies and overtake them,^z
And I shall not return until they are ex-
terminated.^{*}
- ³⁸ I shall break them in pieces so that they will
not be able to rise up;[□]
They will fall under my feet.^Δ
- ³⁹ And you will gird me with vital energy for
warfare,^d

^a "The [true] God." M, *ha-El*, having the Hebrew definite article *ha* ("The") before the title *El*. See Genesis 31:13, footnote a; Genesis 46:3, footnote a; Deuteronomy 7:9, footnote b; Job 13:8, footnote c. Compare 1 Samuel 4:4, footnote i. ^b "God." M, *El-o'ah*, the plural number of which is *El-o'him*. ^c "God." M, *El-o'him*. ^d Or, "the battle." ^e Or, "increase."

*De 32:4
Da 4:37
□Ps 12:6
Ps 19:8
Ps 119:140
ΔPs 84:11
□Ps 114:7
□Ps 50:1
pPs 28:1
□1Sa 2:2
Ps 86:8
Isa 45:5
De 32:31
□Ps 28:7
Ps 84:7
*2Sa 22:33
*Hab 3:19
□Ps 78:58
kDe 32:13
2Sa 22:34
nPs 144:1
□Ps 46:9
r2Sa 22:35
sGe 15:1
De 33:29
Ps 28:7
tPs 17:7
uGe 12:2
2Sa 22:36
vPs 4:1
y2Sa 22:37
Ps 17:5
zPs 9:3
Ps 35:5
*Nu 24:19
Ps 118:12
Isa 63:6
Re 6:2
□1Sa 17:51
1Sa 30:17
Ps 2:9
Ps 110:6
Δ2Sa 22:39
Ps 110:1
1Co 15:25
□1Sa 17:49
Ps 18:32
Eze 30:24

- You will make those rising against me
collapse under me.^{*}
- ⁴⁰ And as for my enemies, you will certainly
give me the back of [their] neck;^a
And as for those hating me intensely, I
shall silence them.^{*}
- ⁴¹ They cry for help, but there is no savior,^{*}
To Jehovah, but he actually does not an-
swer them.^k
- ⁴² And I shall pound them fine like dust before
the wind;ⁿ
Like the mire of the streets I shall pour
them out.^r
- ⁴³ You will provide me escape from the fault-
finding of the people.^s
You will appoint me the head of the na-
tions.^t
A people that I have not known—they will
serve me.^u
- ⁴⁴ At mere hearsay they will be obedient to me;^v
Foreigners^b themselves will come cringing
to me.^y
- ⁴⁵ Foreigners^b themselves will fade away,^z
And they will come quaking out from their
bulwarks.^m
- ⁴⁶ Jehovah is living,^{*} and blessed^o be my Rock,[□]
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.^Δ
- ⁴⁷ The [true] God^c is the Giver of acts of venge-
ance^o to me,[□]
And he subdues the peoples under me.^{*}
- ⁴⁸ He is providing escape for me from my angry
enemies,[®]
Above those who rise up against me you
will lift me up,^{*}

*2Sa 22:40
1Ch 22:18
Ps 66:3
Ps 144:2
Ge 49:8
Ex 23:27
Jos 10:24
La 5:5
*2Sa 22:41
Ps 21:8
Ps 34:21
Pr 8:36
*2Sa 22:42
Job 35:12
kPr 1:28
Isa 1:15
Isa 59:2
Mic 3:4
n2Ki 13:7
Isa 41:16
r2Sa 22:43
Isa 10:6
Zec 10:5
Mal 4:3
s2Sa 19:9
2Sa 22:44
t2Sa 5:2
Ps 2:8
Ro 15:12
uIsa 55:5
Isa 65:1
1Pe 2:10
v2Sa 22:45
yDe 33:29
Isa 61:5
z2Sa 22:46
mMic 7:17
*2Sa 22:47
Jer 10:10
□Ps 72:19
□De 32:4
Ps 42:9
ΔEx 15:2
Ps 21:13
Lu 1:47
□Ps 79:10
□De 32:35
Na 1:2
Ro 12:19
*Ps 47:3
*Ps 59:1

*Php 2:9

^a That is, make them flee before me. ^b Literally, "sons of foreignness [or, a foreign country]." M. ^c "The [true] God." See verse 30, footnote a.

From the man of violence you will deliver me.^a

⁴⁹ That is why I shall laud you among the nations, O Jehovah,^k

And to your name I will make melody.ⁿ

⁵⁰ He is doing great acts of salvation for his king^r

And exercising loving-kindness^a to his anointed one,^{bs}

To David and to his seed^c to time indefinite.^t

To the director. A melody of David.

19 The heavens are declaring the glory of God,^{du}

And of the work of his hands the expanse is telling.^v

² One day after another day causes speech to bubble forth,^v

And one night after another night^c shows forth knowledge.^{cz}

³ There is no speech and there are no words;^{*} No voice on their part is being heard.^q

⁴ Into all the earth their measuring line^e has gone out,^a

And into the extremity of the productive land^f their utterances.^o

In them he has set a tent^c for the sun,^{o*}

⁵ And it is like a bridegroom when coming out of his nuptial chamber;^o

It exults as a mighty man does to run in a path.^x

#2Sa 22:49
Ps 140:11

k2Sa 22:50
Ro 15:9
nPs 108:3
Mt 26:30

r1Sa 2:10
Ps 2:6
Joh 1:49

sPs 89:20
Joh 1:41
Ac 10:38

t1Ch 17:12
Lu 1:33
Ro 1:3

uPs 8:3
Isa 40:22
Ro 1:20

vGe 1:6
Ps 150:1
Da 12:3

yIsa 38:19

zPs 90:4

CPs 94:10
zGe 1:18
Ge 8:22

Ps 74:16
Ps 136:9
*De 4:19

uDe 17:3
a2Sa 8:2
Job 31:26

Jer 8:2
Eze 8:16
CPs 98:3

Ro 10:18
CPs 118:15
CPs 72:5

*Ge 1:14
CPs 61:10
Isa 62:5

*Ec 1:5
1Co 9:24
Heb 12:1

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b "Anointed one." M, *ma-shi'ahh*; Sy, *m'shi'hha*; LXX, *christos*; Vg, *christus*. ^c Or, "offspring." ^d "God." M, *El*. ^e "Measuring line." M, *kaw*; LXXVg, "sound"; Sy, "tidings." ^f "Productive land." M, *tebel*; LXX, "inhabited earth"; Vg, *orbis terrae* ("circle of the earth").

#Ps 139:9
Col 1:23
kMt 24:31

Re 7:1
n1Sa 49:10
Re 7:16

rDe 6:6
De 17:18
Jos 1:8

Ro 7:14
CPs 119:1

sPs 23:3
Heb 6:19
CPs 119:14

tEx 16:34
1Kl 2:3
2Kl 17:15

Ne 9:34
uPs 119:129
vPs 111:7

CPs 119:130
Eph 1:18
CPs 119:12

1Sa 12:24
CPs 111:10
De 4:8

CPs 21:20
*Ps 36:6
CPs 119:127

Pr 8:10
Pr 16:16
*Ps 119:103

Pr 24:13
*1Sa 14:27

k2Ch 19:10
Ps 119:11
1Co 4:14

Heb 11:7
nPr 11:18
Heb 11:6

Heb 11:26
Jas 1:25
rJob 6:24

1Co 4:4
sLe 4:2
Ps 90:8

tNu 15:30
De 17:12
2Pe 2:10

CPs 17:2
uPs 119:133
Ro 6:12

vPs 84:11
Ac 24:16
yPs 18:23

⁶ From one extremity of the heavens is its going forth,^a

And its [finished] circuit is to their [other] extremities,^k

And there is nothing concealed from its heat.ⁿ

⁷ The law^c of Jehovah is perfect,^r bringing back the soul.^s

The reminder^c of Jehovah is trustworthy,^t making the inexperienced one wise.^u

⁸ The orders from Jehovah are upright,^v causing the heart to rejoice;^y

The commandment of Jehovah^o is clean,^z making the eyes shine.^{*}

⁹ The fear of Jehovah is pure,^v standing forever.^a The judicial decisions of Jehovah are true;^a they have proved altogether righteous.^{*}

¹⁰ They are more to be desired^c than gold,^b yes, than much refined gold,^c

And sweeter than honey^x and the flowing of the combs.^u

¹¹ Also your own servant has been warned by them;^k

In the keeping of them there is a large reward.ⁿ

¹² Mistakes—who can discern?^r From concealed sins pronounce me innocent.^s

¹³ Also from presumptuous acts^d hold your servant back;^t

Do not let them dominate^c me.^u In that case I shall be complete,^v

And I shall have remained innocent from much transgression.^y

^a Literally, "truth." M. ^b "Gold." M, *za-hab*. ^c "Refined gold." M, *paz*. ^d Or, "men"; or, "ones" (masculine).

¹⁴ Let the sayings of my mouth^c and the meditation of my heart^z
Become pleasurable before you, O Jehovah
my Rock* and my Redeemer.^c

To the director. A melody of David.

20 May Jehovah answer you in the day of distress.^a

May the name of the God^a of Jacob protect you.^b

² May he send your help out of the sanctuary,^{*}

And sustain you out of Zion itself.³

³ May he remember all your gift offerings^{*}
And may he accept your burnt^c offering as being fat.^c *Se'lah.*

⁴ May he^d give to you according to your heart,^k

And all your counsel may he fulfill.ⁿ

⁵ We will cry out joyfully because of your salvation,^r

And in the name of our God we shall lift our banners.^{es}

May Jehovah fulfill all your requests.

⁶ Now I do know that Jehovah certainly saves his anointed one.^{fu}

He answers him from his holy heavens^v
With the saving mighty acts of his right hand.^y

⁷ Some concerning chariots^o and others concerning horses,^{oz}

^a "God." M, *Elo-him'*. ^b Or, more literally, "place you on high," that is, out of reach. ^c Or, "may he clear away the fatty ashes of your [consumed] burnt offering," as a sign of acceptance. ^d "He," MVg; "Jehovah," LXX^a Sy and five Hebrew manuscripts. ^e LXX-Vg, "we shall be magnified." ^f "Anointed one." M, *ma-shi'ahh*; LXX, *ho chris-tos*; Vg, *chris-tus*; Sy, *m-shi'hna*.

OPs 40:3

zPs 49:3

*Ps 18:2

OPr 23:11

QJob 19:25

Isa 43:14

Isa 44:6

Tit 1:3

OPs 41:1

Jer 30:7

Heb 5:7

OPe 48:15

Ex 3:15

Ps 9:10

Ps 18:2

+IKl 8:44

2Ch 20:8

OPs 5:7

Isa 12:6

*Ge 4:4

Isa 60:7

Eph 5:2

1Pe 2:5

OPs 51:16

*Le 9:24

1Ch 21:26

2Ch 7:1

kPs 21:2

Mt 21:22

nJoh 16:23

Ro 8:28

rPs 35:9

Lu 1:47

sNu 10:35

Mic 4:5

uPs 2:2

Ac 4:10

vIKl 8:30

yPs 17:7

OPs 31:1

OPs 33:17

zIsa 13:5

Pr 21:31

But, as for us, concerning the name of Jehovah^o our God we shall make mention.^{a*}

³ Those very ones have broken down and fallen,^d
But, as for us, we have risen up, that we might be set upright.^a

⁹ O Jehovah, do save the king!^o
He will answer us in the day that we call.^{b*}

To the director. A melody of David.

21 O Jehovah, in your strength the king rejoices,⁹

And in your salvation how very joyful he is inclined to be!^{*}

² The desire of his heart you have given him,^{*}
And the wish of his lips you have not withheld.^k *Se'lah.*

³ For you proceeded to meet him with blessings of good,ⁿ

[And] to place on his head a crown of refined gold.^r

⁴ Life he asked of you. You gave [it] to him,^s
Length of days to time indefinite, even forever.^t

⁵ His glory^c is great in your salvation.^u
Dignity and splendor you put upon him.^v

⁶ For you place him as highly blessed forever;^y
You make him joyful with the rejoicing at your face.^z

⁷ For the king is trusting in Jehovah,^{*}
Even in the loving-kindness^c of the Most High.^d He will not be caused to totter.^a

⁸ Your hand will find all your enemies,⁹

OPs 102:15

pPs 113:5

*2Ch 13:10

2Ch 14:11

2Ch 20:12

2Ch 32:8

QJg 5:31

OPs 146:5

Jer 17:7

*Mt 21:9

*Ps 5:2

Joh 14:14

OPs 2:6

Ps 45:1

Ps 72:1

Isa 9:6

Joh 1:49

*Ps 28:7

Ps 62:7

Ps 118:14

Heb 12:2

*Ps 2:8

Ps 12:8

kPs 20:4

Joh 17:5

Heb 7:25

n2Ch 6:41

Ps 31:19

Eph 1:3

r2Sa 5:3

2Sa 12:30

Heb 2:9

Re 19:12

sPs 13:3

Ps 16:10

Ps 119:77

tPs 72:17

Ps 89:29

Re 1:18

OPs 104:31

u2Sa 7:9

Joh 13:31

Php 2:10

Heb 8:1

v1Ch 17:13

Ps 10:1

Da 7:14

Mt 28:18

1Pe 3:22

yLu 1:33

zAc 2:28

*1Sa 30:6

Mt 27:43

Heb 2:13

OPe 32:8

APs 16:8

OPs 2:9

^a LXX, "we shall be magnified"; Vg, "we shall call (invoke)"; Sy, "we shall gain strength (prevail)." ^b Or, "O Jehovah, do save [us]! Let the king himself answer us in the day that we call." ^c Or, "loyal love."

Your own right^e hand will find those hating you.*

⁹ You will place them as in a fiery furnace at the appointed time for your attention.*

Jehovah in his anger will swallow them up and the fire will devour them.*

¹⁰ Their fruitage you will destroy from the very earth,[#]

And their offspring^a from the sons of men.^{bk}

¹¹ For they have directed against you what is bad;ⁿ

They have thought out ideas that they are unable to carry out.^r

¹² For you will make them turn their backs in flight^s

By your bowstrings that you make ready against their face.^t

¹³ O be exalted in your strength, O Jehovah.^u

We will sing and make melody to your mightiness.^v

To the director upon the Hind^c of the Dawn.
A melody of David.

22 My God,^{do} my God,^d why have you left me?^{ey}

[Why are you] far from saving me,^z
[From] the words of my roaring?^z

² O my God,^g I keep calling by day and you do not answer,^q

And by night, and there is no silence on my part.^a

^a Or, "seed," M. ^b "Men." M, *a.dam'*. ^c "Hind." M, *Ay-yel'eth*; the doe of a fallow deer. ^d "God." M, *El*. ^e *E.li'*, *E.li'*, *la.mah'* *'a.zab.ta'ni'*? M; *A.la'hi*, *A.la'hi*, *la.ma'na sh'baq.ta'ni'*? Sy. Compare Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34. ^f "Far from my salvation are the words of my trespasses," LXXVg. ^g "God." M, *El.o.him'*.

Ps 91:7

Re 19:15

2Th 1:8

Re 20:10

De 32:22

Ps 110:5

Ps 37:28

kPs 109:13

Isa 14:20

nPs 10:2

Jer 11:19

Mt 26:4

rPs 83:4

Mt 2:8

Mt 21:46

Ac 4:17

sPs 9:3

Ps 56:9

tPs 7:13

Ps 18:14

Ps 64:7

uCh 29:11

Job 9:19

Ps 46:10

Re 11:17

vPs 58:10

Re 15:3

Re 18:20

Ps 42:2

yMt 27:46

Mr 15:34

zIsa 46:13

*Ps 38:8

Heb 5:7

Ps 55:17

Ps 88:1

Lu 18:7

*Mt 26:44

Lu 6:12

Lu 22:45

Isa 6:1

Re 4:2

Re 11:19

*De 10:21

Ps 65:1

*Ge 15:6

*Ex 14:13

Isa 7:10

Heb 11:33

*Jg 4:3

Ps 99:6

Ps 106:44

kPs 25:2

Isa 45:17

Isa 49:23

Ro 10:11

1Pe 2:6

nJob 25:6

Isa 41:14

rPs 69:8

Isa 53:3

Mt 11:19

Joh 7:20

Joh 8:48

Heb 13:13

*Mt 9:24

Mr 15:20

Lu 16:14

tMt 26:65

uMt 27:39

vMt 27:43

yMr 15:30

zMt 3:17

Mt 17:5

*Ps 71:6

Lu 1:35

Heb 2:9

Ps 35:14

Ps 71:17

Mt 2:13

Ps 58:3

*Isa 46:3

Lu 2:40

Lu 2:52

*Jer 1:5

Lu 1:32

Lu 1:42

Lu 2:49

*Joh 16:32

Heb 5:7

*Mt 26:56

*Ps 68:30

Jer 50:11

Ps 68:15

*Mt 27:1

Ac 4:27

³ But you are inhabiting the holy place itself,^o
The praises of Israel.*

⁴ In you our fathers trusted;^o
They trusted and you kept providing them
with escape.*

⁵ To you they cried out and they got away;^u
In you they trusted and they did not come
to shame.^k

⁶ But I am a wormⁿ and not a man,^a
A reproach to men^b and despicable to the
people.^r

⁷ As for all those seeing me, they keep mocking
me,^s

They keep opening their mouths wide,^{ct}
they keep wagging [their] head:^u

⁸ "He committed himself^d to Jehovah." Let Him
provide him with escape!^y

"Let him deliver him, since he has taken
delight in him!"^z

⁹ For you were the One drawing me forth from
the belly,^o

The One making me trust while upon the
breasts of my mother.^{oo}

¹⁰ Upon you I have been thrown from the
womb,^{ca}

From the belly of my mother you have
been my God.^{eo}

¹¹ Do not keep far off from me, because distress
is nearby,^o

Because there is no other helper.^o

¹² Many young bulls have surrounded me;^x
The powerful ones of Ba'shan^o themselves
have got around me.^h

^a "Man." M, *ish*. ^b "Men." M, *a.dam'*. ^c Literally, "They make a separation with the lip," M; or, "draw their mouth." ^d "He hoped," LXXVg; "Commit [yourself]," M. ^e "God." M, *El*.

- ¹³ They have distended against me their mouth,^k
As a lion tearing in pieces and roaring.ⁿ
- ¹⁴ Like water^c I have been poured out,^r
And all my bones have been separated from
one another.^s
My heart has become like wax;^t
It has melted deep in my inward parts.^u
- ¹⁵ My power^a has dried up just like a fragment
of earthenware,^v
And my tongue is made to stick to my
gums,^{by}
And in the dust of death you are setting me.^z
- ¹⁶ For dogs^o have surrounded me;^{*}
The assembly of evildoers themselves have
enclosed me.^o
Like a lion [they are at] my hands and
my feet.^{ca}
- ¹⁷ I can count all my bones.^o
They themselves look, they gaze upon me.^{*}
- ¹⁸ They apportion my clothing among them-
selves,^o
And upon my garment they cast lots.^{*}
- ¹⁹ But you, O Jehovah, O do not keep far off.^{*}
O you my strength,^k do make haste to my
help.ⁿ
- ²⁰ Do deliver from the sword my soul,^r
My only one^d from the very paw of the
dog;^s
- ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion,^t
And from the horns of wild bulls you must
answer [and save] me.^u

kNu 16:30
Mt 26:4
n1Pe 5:8
oPs 78:13
rJos 7:5
Mt 26:38
Joh 12:27
sDa 5:6
tJob 23:16
Ps 68:2
Mr 14:33
uJos 7:5
Mr 14:34
vPs 32:3
Pr 17:22
Mr 15:21
yJob 29:10
Ps 69:3
Joh 19:28
oPs 59:8
zGe 3:19
Ps 104:29
Mt 27:50
Ac 2:31
1Co 15:4
*Ps 59:14
Mt 7:6
Php 3:2
Re 22:15
oPs 86:14
Mt 26:57
Mr 15:16
Lu 11:53
Lu 23:11
AMt 27:35
Joh 20:25
oPs 34:20
Ps 102:3
Joh 19:36
Mt 27:36
Lu 23:35
oJoh 19:23
Mt 27:35
Mr 15:24
*Ps 10:1
nPs 18:1
nPs 40:13
Mt 4:11
rPs 17:13
Zec 13:7
Ac 2:24
sPs 22:16
tJoh 14:30
uAc 4:27
Ac 5:30

- ²² I will declare your name^{ov} to my brothers;^{oy}
In the middle of the congregation^a I shall
praise you.^z
- ²³ You fearers of Jehovah,^b praise him!^{*}
All you the seed of Jacob, glorify him!^u
And be frightened at him, all you seed of
Israel.^d
- ²⁴ For he has neither despised^o
Nor detested the affliction of the afflicted
one,^{*}
And he has not concealed his face from
him,^o
And when he cried to him for help he
heard.^{*}
- ²⁵ Due to you my praise will be in the large
congregation,^{aoy}
My vows^o I shall pay in front of those fear-
ing him.^k
- ²⁶ The meek ones will eat and be satisfied;ⁿ
Those seeking him will praise Jehovah.^r
May YOUR hearts^c live forever.^s
- ²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and
turn back to Jehovah.^t
And all the families of the nations will bow
down before you.^u
- ²⁸ For the kingship belongs to Jehovah^{ov}
And he is dominating the nations.^y

^a M, *qa-hal'*; LXXVg, "ee-cle'sia." ^b "Jehovah." From a genizah at Cairo, Egypt, an extant relic of Aquila's Greek version of the Hebrew Scriptures contains the divine name (represented by the tetragrammaton) written, not in Greek letters, but in the old Hebrew letters **יהוה**. See Aq under "Explanation of the Symbols Used in the Marginal References," page 6. See also the book "Hebrew-Greek Cairo Genizah Palimpsests from the Taylor-Schechter Collection including a Fragment of the Twenty-Second Psalm according to Origen's Hexapla," edited for the Syndics of the University Press by C. Taylor, D.D., Master of St. John's College, Cambridge, at the University Press, 1900. ^c Literally, "heart," M.

^a "Palate," by a reversal of two Hebrew letters in M. ^b Or, "jaws," M. ^c LXXVg, "They bored (dug through) my hands and (my) feet." M appears to read: "Like the lion—my hands and my feet." T reads: "Biting like a lion my hands and my feet." ^d "My only one," in the feminine gender and hence referring to "my soul."

²⁹ All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and will bow down;^z

Before him all those going down to the dust will bend down,*

And no one will ever preserve his own soul^a alive.^z

³⁰ A seed^b itself will serve him;^a

It will be declared concerning Jehovah^c to the generation.^z

³¹ They will come and tell of his righteousness^a To the people that is to be born, that he^d has done [this].^z

A melody of David.

23 Jehovah is my Shepherd.^z
I shall lack nothing.^z

² In grassy pastures he makes me lie down;^k
By well-watered resting places he conducts me.ⁿ

³ My soul he refreshes.^r
He leads me in the tracks of righteousness for his name's sake.^s

⁴ Even though I walk in the valley of deep shadow,^{et}

I fear^o nothing bad,^u

For you are with me;^v

Your rod and your staff are the things that comfort me.^v

⁵ You arrange before me a table^o in front of those showing hostility to me.^z

With oil^o you have greased my head;^{*}

zIsa 60:3
Re 21:24
*Isa 26:19
Isa 45:23
Ro 14:11
oPs 49:7
Mt 20:28
Joh 3:36
Joh 11:25
aIsa 53:10
Heb 2:13
oPs 14:5
Ga 3:29
1Pe 2:9
*Ro 1:17
Ro 3:22
Ro 5:21
2Co 5:21
oIsa 49:6
Isa 59:21
Joh 10:16
Joh 17:20
*Ps 79:13
Jer 23:3
Eze 34:12
oPs 80:1
*Ps 34:9
Mt 6:33
Php 4:19
kEze 34:14
Mt 24:45
Joh 6:27
nEze 34:13
Joh 7:37
Re 7:17
Re 22:17
rPs 19:7
Joh 4:14
sPs 5:8
Ps 79:9
Isa 42:16
tPs 44:19
Lu 1:79
uIsa 41:10
Lu 12:32
oPs 33:8
vMt 1:23
Ro 8:31
yGe 49:10
Ps 110:2
Mic 7:14
Re 12:10
oPs 69:22
zIsa 25:6
Joh 6:53
1Co 10:21
oPs 92:10
*2Sa 12:20

^a "Soul." M, *neph'esh*. ^b Or, "offspring." ^c "Jehovah." Sy; *A-do-nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the reading of the primitive Hebrew text from "Jehovah" to *A-do-nay'* ("the Sovereign Lord"). ^d "He," MT; "the Lord," LXX; "Jehovah," SyVg. ^e Or, "valley of death shadow," M.

My cup is well filled.^a

⁶ Surely goodness and loving-kindness^b themselves will pursue me all the days of my life,^o

And I will dwell^c in the house of Jehovah^o to the length of days.^z

Of David. A melody.

24 To Jehovah belong the earth^e and that which fills it,^{*}

The productive land^d and those dwelling in it.^o

² For upon the seas^o he himself has solidly fixed it,^{*}

And upon the rivers^e he keeps it firmly established.^{*}

³ Who may ascend into the mountain of Jehovah,^k

And who may rise up in his holy place?ⁿ

⁴ Anyone innocent in his hands and clean in heart,^r

Who has not carried My^f soul^g to sheer worthlessness,^s

Nor taken an oath deceitfully.^t

⁵ He will carry away blessing from Jehovah^u And righteousness from his God of salvation.^v

⁶ This is the generation of those seeking him,^v Of those searching for your face, O [God of] Jacob.^h *Se'lah*.

oPs 16:5
Ps 116:13
APs 36:7
Ps 103:17
Joh 1:16
oPs 116:9
oPs 122:1
oPs 27:4
Isa 2:2
Re 7:15
Re 21:3
oPs 37:11
*Ge 1:1
Ex 9:29
Ex 19:5
De 10:14
1Ch 29:11
1Co 10:26
oPs 139:9
oPs 89:11
Ps 98:7
Isa 34:1
Na 1:5
*Ge 1:9
Ps 95:5
Ps 136:6
*Job 38:11
Ps 93:1
Ps 96:10
Jer 5:22
kIsa 2:2
Heb 12:22
Re 14:1
nHeb 9:8
rJoh 15:3
sAc 14:15
tMal 3:5
uNu 6:24
Ps 72:17
Ps 115:12
Isa 33:16
Ga 3:14
1Pe 3:9
vIsa 46:13
Ro 3:22
1Co 1:30
yIsa 53:10
Ro 4:16
1Pe 2:9
zPs 27:8
Ps 105:4
Zep 2:3
Heb 11:6

^a Literally, "is saturation itself." M. ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c "I will dwell," in agreement with SyTVg; or, "my resting (sabbathing) will be," in agreement with LXX. ^d "The inhabited earth," LXX; or *bis terra-rum*, Vg. ^e Or, "the ocean," which encircles the great land masses of the globe. ^f "My," M; "his," LXXVgSyT and many Hebrew manuscripts. ^g Or, "My life," referring to Jehovah's life by which an individual swears. Compare Exodus 20:7, footnotes j, k. ^h "O God of Jacob," SyLXXVg; "O Jacob," M.

⁷ Raise YOUR heads, O YOU gates,^a
And raise yourselves up, O YOU long-
lasting^a entrances,²
That the glorious King may come in!^a
⁸ Who, then, is this glorious King?⁹
Jehovah strong and mighty,⁷
Jehovah mighty in battle.^{b9}
⁹ Raise YOUR heads, O YOU gates;
Yes, raise [them] up, O YOU long-lasting^a
entrances,
That the glorious King may come in!⁷
¹⁰ Who, then, is he, this glorious King?⁷
Jehovah of armies^c—he is the glorious
King.^k *Se'lah*.

Of David.

N [Aleph]

25 To you, O Jehovah, I raise my very
soul.ⁿ

2 [Beth]

² O my God,^a in you have I put my trust;⁷
O may I not be ashamed.^s
May my enemies not exult over me.^t

3 [Gimel]

³ Also none of those hoping in you will be
ashamed.^u
They will be ashamed who are dealing
treacherously without success.^v

7 [Daleth]

⁴ Make me know your own ways,^o O Jehovah;^y
Teach me your own paths.^z

^a Or, "indefinitely lasting." M, 'olam'. ^b Or, "war." ^c "Jehovah of armies." See 1 Samuel 1:3, footnote e. ^d "God." M, Elo-him'. The expression "O my God" in Hebrew begins this verse with another aleph. "In you" begins with the Hebrew letter beth.

*Ps 118:19
Isa 26:2
Lu 13:24
Ps 97:5
Isa 6:5
Hag 2:9
Re 11:17
De 33:5
Ex 34:6
Ps 50:1
Ps 93:1
Jos 11:20
1Sa 17:47
1Ch 5:20
2Ch 20:15
Re 16:14
Ps 24:7
Isa 37:20
Isa 6:1
Isa 54:5
Ps 89:8
k2Sa 7:27
1Ch 17:24
Isa 6:3
Ho 12:5
Zec 2:8
nPs 86:4
Ps 143:8
rIsa 26:3
Ro 10:11
sPs 119:116
1Pe 2:6
tPs 35:19
Ps 41:11
Ps 94:3
Ps 142:6
Isa 37:10
uPs 69:6
v2Sa 1:22
Ps 6:10
Ps 7:4
Ps 31:17
Ps 35:26
Ps 71:13
Jer 20:11
yEx 33:13
Ps 5:8
Ps 86:11
Ps 143:8
Isa 2:3
cPs 86:11
zPs 27:11
Pr 8:20
Jer 6:16

*Ps 43:3
Joh 8:32
Joh 16:13

Ps 24:5
Ps 79:9
Ps 88:1
Ps 22:2
Pr 8:34
Lu 18:7
2Ch 6:42
Ps 95:3
Lu 1:54
Lu 1:72
Ps 74:2
Ex 34:6

Ps 136:1
Lu 1:50
Job 13:26
Ps 51:5
Jer 3:25
Isa 24:20
Ps 51:1
Ps 109:26
kPs 6:4
Eph 1:7
Eph 2:5
nPs 92:15
Ps 119:68
Isa 26:7
rPr 1:23
Pr 2:5
Mic 4:2
Lu 11:13
Jas 1:5
Ps 26:9
sPs 22:26
Ps 76:9
Ps 147:6
Isa 11:4
Zep 2:3
tDe 4:5
Ps 19:9
uPs 32:8
Ps 119:35
Joh 14:6
Ac 9:2
Ac 13:10
Heb 10:20
vGe 5:24
Ge 17:1
Ps 119:76
Isa 43:2
yPs 33:4
zDe 9:9
De 29:1
Jer 31:31
Heb 12:24
*Ps 19:7

7 [He]

⁵ Make me walk in your truth and teach me,⁷
For you are my God of salvation.^o

1 [Waw]^a

In you I have hoped all day long.^a

1 [Zayin]

⁶ Remember^o your mercies,^o O Jehovah, and
your loving-kindnesses,^{b*}
For they are from time indefinite.^o

7 [Heth]

⁷ The sins of my youth and my transgressions^o
O do not remember.^x
According to your loving-kindness^c do you
yourself remember me,⁷
For the sake of your goodness, O Jehovah.^k

2 [Teth]

⁸ Good and upright is Jehovah.ⁿ
That is why he instructs sinners^o in the
way.^r

1 [Yod]

⁹ He will cause the meek^s ones to walk in [his]
judicial decision^t
And he will teach the meek ones his way.^u

2 [Kaph]

¹⁰ All the paths of Jehovah are loving-kindness^{cv}
and trueness^{dy}
For those observing his covenant^{ez} and his
reminders.^{*}

^a Waw (י) appears in four Hebrew manuscripts. ^b Or, "your acts of loyal love." ^c Or, "loyal love." ^d Or, "truthfulness"; or, "truth." ^e The word "covenant" (*berith*) is here introduced into the Psalms.

ל [Lamed]

- ¹¹ For your name's sake, O Jehovah,[□]
You must even forgive[○] my error,[○] for it
is considerable.[△]

מ [Mem]

- ¹² Who, now, is the man fearful of Jehovah?[◇]
He will instruct him in the way [that] he
will choose.^{*}

נ [Nun]

- ¹³ His own soul will lodge in goodness itself[□]
And his own offspring^a will take possession
of the earth.^{*}

ס [Samekh]

- ¹⁴ The intimacy with Jehovah belongs to those
fearful of him,^{*}
Also his covenant,[○] to cause them to know
it.^k

ע [Ayin]

- ¹⁵ My eyes are constantly toward Jehovah,ⁿ
For he it is that brings my feet out of the
net.^r

פ [Pe]

- ¹⁶ Turn your face to me and show me favor,^s
For I am solitary^b and afflicted.^t

צ [Tsade]

- ¹⁷ Distresses of my heart have multiplied;^u
From the stresses upon me O bring me out.^v

ר [Resh]

- ¹⁸ See my affliction[○] and my trouble,^y

○Ps 31:3
Eze 36:22
○Ps 103:3
○Ps 78:38
△Nu 14:18
Ro 5:15

◇Ps 111:10
Pr 1:7
Ac 10:2
*Ps 37:23
Joh 7:17

□Ps 31:19
Zec 9:17
Php 4:19
*Ps 37:11
Mt 5:5
Re 21:3
*Ge 18:17
Jg 13:18
Mt 13:11
Joh 14:8
Joh 15:15
1Co 2:16
Eph 1:9
○Ps 89:34

kGe 22:17
De 4:13
Jer 31:31
Lu 22:20
Ro 11:27
nPs 121:1
Ps 123:1

rPs 31:4
Ps 124:7
Jer 5:26
2Ti 2:26
sPs 69:16
Mic 7:19
Mt 5:8
tPs 88:15
Ps 143:4
Mr 15:34
uPs 73:21
Ps 77:2
vMt 5:11
1Co 4:11
1Co 10:13
2Co 4:8
y1Sa 1:11
Ps 119:153
○Isa 48:10

zPs 51:9
Ro 5:16
*Ps 38:19
Lu 22:2

⊖Ps 18:48
Lu 23:2

⊕Ps 17:8
Ps 121:7

○Ps 71:1
Lu 23:46

+1Sa 26:23

Ps 7:8
Ps 26:1
Ps 41:12
Pr 11:3
Pr 20:7
Ac 24:16
*Ps 146:5
Zec 9:12
Heb 10:23

*Ps 14:7
Ps 130:8
Ga 6:16
*2Ki 20:3
Job 1:1
Ps 25:21

kPs 4:5
Ps 21:7
Ps 37:31
1Pe 1:5
2Pe 1:10

nGe 22:1
Job 13:23
Ps 7:9

2Co 13:5
rPs 17:3
Ps 66:10
Jer 20:12
Zec 13:9

sPs 85:13
Lu 6:36
2Co 3:18

tPs 25:5
Ps 119:142
Joh 14:6
2Pe 1:12

uPr 13:20
vPs 119:115
Pr 12:11
1Co 15:33
2Co 6:17

yPs 31:6
zPs 1:1
*Ps 73:13

And pardon all my sins.^z

- ¹⁹ See^a how many my enemies have become,^{*}
And with a violent hatred they have hated
me.[□]

ש [Shin]

- ²⁰ Do guard my soul and deliver me.[△]
May I not be ashamed, for I have taken
refuge in you.[○]

ת [Taw]

- ²¹ Let integrity and uprightness themselves safe-
guard me,^{*}

For I have hoped in you.[□]

- ²² O God,^b redeem Israel out of all his distresses.^{*}

Of David.

- 26** Judge me, O Jehovah, for I myself have
walked in my own integrity,^{*}
And in Jehovah I have trusted, that I may
not wobble.^k

- ² Examine me, O Jehovah, and put me to the
test;ⁿ

Refine my kidneys^c and my heart.^r

- ³ For your loving-kindness^d is in front of my
eyes,^s

And I have walked in your truth.^t

- ⁴ For I have not sat with men of untruth,^u
And with those who conceal what they are
I do not come in.^v

- ⁵ I have hated the congregation^e of evildoers,^y
And with the wicked ones I do not sit.^z

- ⁶ I shall wash my hands in innocency itself,^{*}

^a Literally, "seed," M. ^b Or, "the only one." LXX, *mo-no-ge-nēs'* ("the only-begotten"), as in John 3:16. ^c The letter *qoph* is missing between this *resh* and *tsade* of verse 17.

^a Like verse 18 this verse begins with the Hebrew letter *resh*, thus giving a twofold emphasis. ^b "God." M, *Elo-him'*. ^c Or, "deepest emotions." ^d Or, "loyal love." ^e M, *qa-hal'*; LXXVg, "ec-cle'si-a."

And I will march around your altar, O Jehovah,^a
 To cause thanksgiving to be heard aloud,^a
 And to declare all your wonderful works.^b
 Jehovah, I have loved the dwelling of your house^c
 And the place of the residence of your glory.^d
 Do not take away^b my soul along with sinners,^e
 Nor my life along with bloodguilty men,^f
 In whose hands there is loose conduct^g
 And whose right hand is full of bribery.^h
 As for me, in my integrity I shall walk.ⁱ
 O redeem me^s and show me favor.^t
 My own foot will certainly stand on a level place;^u
 Among the congregated throngs^v I shall bless Jehovah.^{av}

Of David.

27 Jehovah is my light^{av} and my salvation.^z
 Of whom shall I be in fear?^a
 Jehovah is the stronghold of my life.^b
 Of whom shall I be in dread?^a
 When the evildoers approached against me to eat up my flesh,^b
 They being my adversaries^c and my enemies personally,^d
 They themselves stumbled and fell.^e
 Though against me an encampment should pitch tent,^f
 My heart will not fear.^g

^a Literally, "with a voice," M. ^b Literally, "Do not gather," M. ^c M, *maq.he.lim*'; LXXVg, "ec.cle'si.as." ^d "Bless Jehovah," MSyT; "bless you, O Jehovah," LXXVg.

oPs 43:4
 Ps 118:27
 dPs 95:2
 1Ti 2:1
 Ps 105:2
 Lu 19:37

+Ps 84:10
 eEx 40:34
 2Ch 5:14
 Ps 63:2
 *1Sa 25:29
 Mal 3:18
 Mt 25:46
 oPs 51:13

*1Sa 22:18
 2Sa 21:1
 Ps 51:14
 Ps 139:19
 oPr 17:23
 kPs 36:4
 Ro 1:29
 2Ti 3:2
 2Pe 2:7

nDe 16:19
 r2Ch 31:20
 Job 1:1
 Lu 1:6
 1Th 2:10
 sPs 49:15
 Ps 69:18
 Tit 2:14
 1Pe 1:18
 tNe 13:14

oPs 97:11
 u1Sa 2:9
 Pr 10:9
 vPs 68:26
 yJob 29:3
 Ps 18:28
 Re 22:5
 zEx 15:2
 Ps 68:19
 Lu 2:30
 *Ps 23:4
 oPs119:157
 oPs 62:6
 Php 4:13
 APs 46:1
 Ro 8:31
 Heb 13:6
 oPs 14:4
 Ps 22:16
 *Ps 18:40
 oIsa 8:15
 *Ps 3:6
 #2Ch 20:15

k2Ch 32:7
 nIsa 41:12
 rLu 10:42
 sJer 29:13
 Mt 6:33
 Lu 11:9

t1Sa 1:11
 Ps 23:6
 Ps 65:4
 Lu 2:37
 Re 7:15
 uPs 50:2
 Ps 63:2
 2Co 3:18
 vIsa 6:5

Re 11:19
 yPs 32:7
 Ps 57:1
 Zep 2:3
 z2Ch 22:12
 Ps119:114
 Re 7:15
 Re 21:3
 Ps 18:33
 Ps 40:2
 Mt 7:24
 =2Sa 7:9
 1Ch 22:18

*Ps 43:4
 Ps 107:22
 Heb 13:15
 1Pe 2:5
 oPs 21:13
 Eph 5:19
 *Ps 4:1
 Ps 130:2
 oPs 5:2
 Ps 119:58
 *Ps 24:6
 Ps 105:4
 Isa 45:19
 Ho 5:15
 *Ps 63:1
 Jer 29:12
 Jas 4:8
 kIsa 59:2
 nIsa 50:1
 rIsa 7:12
 Ps 46:1

sPs 38:21
 Ps 85:1
 tPs 69:8
 Mt 10:21
 u2Ti 4:17

vPs 25:4
 Ps 86:11
 Isa 30:20
 yLu 20:20

Though against me war should rise,^k
 Even then I shall be trusting.ⁿ

* One thing I have asked from Jehovah[—]
 It is what I shall look for,^s
 That I may dwell in the house of Jehovah
 all the days of my life,^t
 To behold the pleasantness of Jehovah^u
 And to look with appreciation upon his temple.^v

* For he will hide me in his covert in the day
 of calamity;^y
 He will conceal me in the concealment place
 of his tent,^z
 High on a rock he will put me.^{*}

* And now my head will be high above my enemies
 all around me,^q
 And I will sacrifice at his tent sacrifices of
 joyful shouting;^a
 I will sing and make melody to Jehovah.^b

† Hear, O Jehovah, when I call with my voice,[†]
 And show me favor and answer me.^b
 * Concerning you my heart has said: "SEEK to
 find my face."^x
 Your face, O Jehovah, I shall seek to find.[†]

* Do not conceal your face from me.^k
 Do not in anger turn your servant away.ⁿ
 My help you must become.^r
 Do not forsake me and do not leave me, O
 my God of salvation.^s

¹⁰ In case my own father and my own mother
 did leave me,^t
 Even Jehovah himself would take me up.^u

¹¹ Instruct me, O Jehovah, in your way,^v
 And lead me in the path of uprightness on
 account of my foes.^y

¹² Do not give me over to the soul^a of my adversaries;^z
For against me false witnesses^c have risen up,^{*}
And he who launches forth violence.^z

¹³ If I had not had faith in seeing the goodness of Jehovah in the land of those alive!^{b,d}
¹⁴ Hope in Jehovah,^e be courageous and let your heart be strong.^{*}

Yes, hope in Jehovah.^e

Of David.

28 To you, O Jehovah, I keep calling.^{*}
O my Rock,^e do not be deaf to me,^{c,e}
That you may not keep still toward me^k
And I do not have to become like those going down to the pit.ⁿ

² Hear the voice of my entreaties when I cry to you for help,^r
When I raise my hands^s to the innermost room of your sanctuary.^t

³ Do not draw me along with wicked people and with practicers of what is hurtful,^u
Those who are speaking peace^c with their companions^v but in whose hearts is what is bad.^v

⁴ Give to them according to their acting^z
And according to the badness of their practices.^{*}
According to the work of their hands do you give to them.^z

^a "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chai'*; Vg, *a'ni.mae*. ^b Or, "Surely I do have faith in seeing the goodness of Jehovah in the land of those alive." This agrees with LXXVgSy and five Hebrew manuscripts that omit the opening Hebrew word *lu.le'*. This is one of the 15 Hebrew words or letters with the extraordinary points above or/and below them, to suggest that such word or letters should be left out. ^c Or, "do not turn from me in silence."

zPs 31:8
Ps 41:11
OPs 89:37
*Ps 35:11
Mt 26:59
Ac 6:11
*Ac 9:1
Ac 26:11
*Job 33:30
Ps 52:5
Isa 38:11
Eze 26:20
*Ps 25:3
Ro 8:24
*Ps 31:24
Isa 40:31
Eph 3:16
Php 4:13
*Ps 62:5
Ps 130:5
*Ps 18:3
*Ps 95:1
*De 32:4
Ps 42:9
Isa 26:4
kPs 35:22
Ps 83:1
nJob 33:28
Ps 30:9
Ps 69:15
Isa 38:18
r2Ch 6:13
sPs 63:4
1Ti 2:8
t1Ki 6:19
1Ki 8:6
Ps 5:7
Da 6:10
uNu 16:26
Ps 26:9
Mt 25:46
OPs 72:3
vPs 62:4
Jer 9:8
Mt 22:15
yPs 7:14
Ps 36:4
Pr 26:25
zPs 59:12
Jer 18:22
2Ti 4:14
*Ps 21:10
Mt 7:19
*Ps 62:12
Mt 25:45

-2Th 1:6

Pay back to them their own doing.^a

⁵ For they have no regard for the activities of Jehovah,^d

Nor for the work of his hands.^{*}

He will tear them down and not build them up.^e

⁶ Blessed be Jehovah, for he has heard the voice of my entreaties.^{*}

⁷ Jehovah is my strength^h and my shield.^k

In him my heart has trusted,ⁿ

And I have been helped, so that my heart exults,^r

And with my song I shall laud him.^s

⁸ Jehovah is a strength to his people,^{at}

And he is a stronghold of the grand salvation of his anointed one.^{bu}

⁹ Do save your people,^v and bless your possession,^v

And shepherd them and carry them to time indefinite.^z

A melody of David.^c

29 Ascribe to Jehovah, O YOU sons of strong ones,^{d*}

Ascribe to Jehovah glory and strength.^z

² Ascribe to Jehovah the glory of his name.^a

Bow down to Jehovah in holy adornment.^d

^a "To his people," LXXVgSy and eight Hebrew manuscripts; "to them," M. ^b "Anointed one." M, *ma-shi'ahh*; Sy, *m'shi'hha*; LXX, *chris.tos*; Vg, *chris.tus*. ^c LXX adds, "of the exodus (final) festival of the Tent"; Vg adds, "in the consummation (completion) of the tabernacle." ^d Or, "sons of gods"; or, "godlike ones"; or "sons of God." If the Hebrew word *El'im* is the plural of majesty of *El*, then it means "God." T reads, "you bands of angels, the sons of God"; LXX, "you sons of God"; SyVg, "you sons of rams." Compare Psalm 89: 6, footnote e, and Daniel 11: 36, where the expression *El el'im* ("God of gods") occurs.

*Ps 2:10
Ps 68:31
Isa 60:10
Jer 13:18
*1Ch 16:28
Ps 96:7
Re 11:17
*1Ch 16:29
Ps 96:8
Ps 145:5
*2Ch 20:21
Ps 96:9

³ The voice^a of Jehovah^b is over the waters;^c
The glorious God^b himself has thundered.^k
Jehovah is over many waters.^s

⁴ The voice of Jehovah is powerful;^k
The voice of Jehovah is splendid.ⁿ

⁵ The voice of Jehovah is breaking the cedars;^r
Yes, Jehovah breaks the cedars of Leb'a-
non in pieces.^s

⁶ And he makes them skip about like a calf,^t
Leb'a-non and Sir'i-on^{cu} like the sons of
wild bulls.^{dv}

⁷ The voice of Jehovah is hewing with the flames
of fire;^v

⁸ The voice of Jehovah itself makes the wilder-
ness writhe,^z
Jehovah makes the wilderness of Ka'desh^z
writhe.

⁹ The voice of Jehovah itself makes the hinds
writhe with birth pains,^q
And strips bare the forests.^{ea}
And in his temple each one is saying:
"Glory!"^f

¹⁰ Upon the deluge^{fo} Jehovah has seated himself,^{*}
And Jehovah sits as king to time in-
definite.^g

¹¹ Jehovah himself will give strength indeed to
his people.^{*}
Jehovah himself will bless his people with
peace.^h

^a The expression "the voice" occurs seven times in this psalm.
^b "God." M, *El*. ^c "Sir'i-on." The old Si-do'ni-an name for Mount
Her'mon. See Deuteronomy 3:9. ^d "Of unicorns," LXXVg, mean-
ing "one-horned ones" literally, but referring to wild bulls. ^e Or,
by a correction of M, "And it causes a hurried delivery by the
mountain goats." ^f Or, "heavenly ocean." See Genesis 7:17, foot-
note e.

Ps 106:25
De 4:33
Ps 18:13
Heb 12:26
Ac 7:2
Ex 9:28
1Sa 7:10
Joh 12:29
Re 4:5
Ps 93:4
Ps 104:3
kJob 26:11
Ps 33:9
Jer 51:15
nJob 40:9
Eze 10:5
cPs 106:19
rIsa 66:6
sIsa 2:13
tPs 114:4
Jer 4:24
Hab 3:6
uDe 3:9
vPs 92:10
yNu 16:35
zKl 1:10
Ps 77:18
zPs 18:7
Heb 12:26
Nu 13:26
cJob 39:1
dIsa 9:13
Isa 10:18
Isa 10:19
Eze 20:47
fPs 46:4
Ps 48:9
Ps 63:2
Ps 134:1
Isa 6:3
Ge 6:17
Job 38:25
Ps 65:7
cPs 10:16
Ps 93:1
Ps 99:1
Da 7:9
1Ti 1:17
xPs 28:9
Isa 40:29
Ps 72:7
Isa 9:6
1Co 1:3

k2Sa 24:25
nPs 34:3
Ps 66:17
rPs 27:6
Ps 28:9
sPs 25:2
Ps 41:11
tGe 20:17
Ex 15:26
2Kl 20:5
Ps 103:3
Mt 13:15
uPs 16:10
Isa 38:10
Isa 38:18
vPs 28:1
Ps 69:15
yPs 32:11
Ps 149:1
zEx 3:15
Ex 15:11
Ps 102:12
*Isa 54:7
2Co 4:17
cPs 16:11
Ps 36:7
Ps 63:3
dPs 6:6
Ps 126:5
Joh 16:20
2Co 7:9
cPs 130:6
fPs 46:5
Ps 59:16
Ho 6:3
*Lu 12:19
1Co 10:12
2Co 12:7
cPs 15:5
Ps 16:8
Ps 119:117
xPs 5:12
Ps 18:35
Ps 89:17
Ps 10:1
Ps 13:1
Ps 143:7
kPs 77:1
Ps 130:1
nPhp 4:6

A melody. A song of inauguration of the house.^k
Of David.

30 I shall exalt you,ⁿ O Jehovah, for you
have drawn me up^r

And you have not let my enemies rejoice
over me.^s

² O Jehovah my God, I cried to you for help and
you proceeded to heal me.^t

³ O Jehovah, you have brought up my soul from
She'ol^a itself;^u

You have kept me alive, that I should not
go down into the pit.^v

⁴ Make melody to Jehovah, O you his men of
loving-kindness,^y

And laud his holy memorial.^{bz}

⁵ For being under his anger is for a moment,^{*}
Being under his good will is for a life-
time.^q

In the evening weeping may take up lodg-
ing,^a but in the morning^c there is a
joyful cry.^d

⁶ As for me, I have said in my ease:^{*}
"Never shall I be made to totter."^g

⁷ O Jehovah, in your good will you have made
my mountain to stand in strength.^{*}

You concealed your face; I became one that
is terrified.^h

⁸ To you, O Jehovah, I kept calling,^k
And to Jehovah^c I kept making entreaty
for favor.ⁿ

^a M, *she'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *in.fer'nus*. ^b Literally, "memorial
[or, mention] of his holiness." M. ^c "Jehovah," many Hebrew manu-
scripts; LXXVg, "my God"; T, "you, O my God"; Sy, "you, O
my Lord"; M, *A.do.nay'*. This is one of the 134 places where the
Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read
A.do.nay' instead of *Y'ho.wah'*.

⁹ What profit is there in my blood when I go down to the pit?^a
Will the dust laud you?^s Will it tell of your truthfulness?^{bt}

¹⁰ Hear, O Jehovah, and show me favor.^u
O Jehovah, prove yourself my helper.^v

¹¹ You have changed my mourning into dancing for me;^v
You have loosened my sackcloth and you keep me girded with rejoicing.^z

¹² In order that [my] glory^c may make melody to you and not keep silent.^{*}
O Jehovah my God, to time indefinite I will laud you.^q

To the director. A melody of David.

31 In you, O Jehovah, have I taken refuge.^a
O may I never be ashamed.^q

In your righteousness provide escape for me.^{*}

² Incline to me your ear.^q
Deliver me speedily.^{*}
Become for me a rocky stronghold,^{*}
A house of strongholds to save me.^k

³ For you are my crag and my stronghold,ⁿ
And for the sake of your name^r you will lead me and conduct me.^s

⁴ You will bring me out of the net that they have hidden for me,^t
For you are my fortress.^u

⁵ Into your hand I entrust my spirit.^{qv}
You have redeemed^o me,^v O Jehovah the God^d of truth.^{ez}

rPs 28:1
sPs 6:5
Ps 115:17
Ps 146:4
Ec 3:20
tEc 9:10
Isa 38:18
uPs 143:1
vPs 28:7
Ps 54:4
y2Sa 6:14
Ps 149:3
Ec 3:4
Jer 31:4
zNe 8:10
Isa 61:3
Lu 15:22
*Ps 16:9
Ac 4:20
qPs 9:1
dPs 18:2
Ps 71:1
*Ps 22:5
Isa 49:23
Ro 5:5
Ro 10:11
*Ps 43:1
Zep 2:3
*Ps 71:2
Ps 130:2
*Ps 40:17
Ps 70:1
Lu 18:8
*De 32:31
2Sa 22:3
Ps 18:2
Ps 94:22
kPs 71:3
Ps 90:1
Isa 33:16
n2Sa 22:2
Ps 42:9
rJos 7:9
Ps 25:11
Jer 14:7
*Ex 15:13
Isa 40:11
Isa 49:10
tPs 25:15
2Ti 2:26
uPr 18:10
2Co 12:9
vLu 23:46
Ac 7:59
*Ps 104:4
yPs 71:23
1Pe 1:18
*Ps 71:23
zDe 32:4
Heb 6:18

⁶ I do hate those paying regard to worthless vain idols,^a
But as for me, in Jehovah I do trust.^q

⁷ I will be joyful and rejoice in your loving-kindness,^{ba}
In that you have seen my affliction;^q
You have known about the distresses^o of my soul,⁺

⁸ And you have not surrendered me into the hand of the enemy.^q
You have made my feet stand in a roomy place.^{*}

⁹ Show me favor, O Jehovah, for I am in sore straits.^{*}
With vexation my eye has become weak,^k
my soul and my belly.ⁿ

¹⁰ For with grief my life has come to an end,^r
And my years^o in sighing.^s
Because of my error my power has stumbled,^t
And my very bones have become weak.^u

¹¹ From the standpoint of all those showing hostility to me I have become a reproach,^v
And to my neighbors^q very much so,^y
And a dread to my acquaintances.^z
When seeing me out of doors they have fled from me.^{*}

¹² Like one dead,^o not in the heart, I have been forgotten;^q
I have become like a damaged^c vessel;^a

¹³ For I have heard the bad report by many,^q
Fright being on all sides.^{*}
When they mass together as one against me,^q

*Ps 26:5
Jer 10:8
qPs 25:2
dPs 13:5
*Ps 9:13
qPr 1:27
*Ps 142:3
Isa 43:2
*De 32:30
*Ps 4:1
*De 4:30
kJob 17:7
Ps 6:7
Ps 88:9
nPs 6:2
Ps 22:14
Ps 44:25
rJob 3:24
Ps 88:15
*Ps 65:11
sPs 78:33
tPs 71:9
uPs 32:3
Ps 102:3
vPs 22:6
Isa 53:4
Mt 27:39
Ro 15:3
*Ps 79:4
yPs 38:11
Mt 10:22
zPs 88:8
*2Ti 4:16
qPs 88:5
Isa 38:11
*Ps 115:17
dPs 119:83
Isa 30:14
Ro 9:21
l1Sa 22:8
Ps 101:5
Lu 23:2
*Ps 56:2
Ps 57:4
Jer 6:25
l1Sa 23:19
2Sa 17:1

^a "Pit." M, *sha'hath*; LXXVgSy, "corruption"; T, "heart of the grave." ^b Or, "truthfulness"; or, "truth." ^c "My glory," LXXVg. ^d "God." M, *El*. ^e Or, "the true God."

^a Literally, "vanities." ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c Or, "missing."

- It is to take away my soul^a that they do scheme.^{*}
- ¹⁴ But I—in you I have put my trust, O Jehovah.[#]
I have said: “You are my God.”^{b,k}
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand.ⁿ
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies
and from those pursuing me.^{*}
- ¹⁶ Do cause your face to shine upon your servant.^s
Save me in your loving-kindness.^{ct}
- ¹⁷ O Jehovah, may I not be ashamed, for I have
called on you.^u
May the wicked ones be ashamed;^v
May they keep silent in She’ol.^{dy}
- ¹⁸ May false lips become speechless,^z
That are speaking against the righteous
one,^{*} unrestrainedly in haughtiness and
contempt.[□]
- ¹⁹ How abundant your goodness is,^a which you
have treasured up for those fearing you![□]
[Which] you have rendered to those taking
refuge in you,^{*}
In front of the sons of men.^{ee}
- ²⁰ You will conceal them in the secret place of
your person^{fx}
From the banding together of men.^g^h
You will hide them in your booth from the
contention of tongues.^k
- ²¹ Blessed be Jehovah,ⁿ
For he has rendered wonderful loving-
kindness^{cr} to me in a city under stress.^s
- ²² As for me, I said when I became panicky:^t
“I shall certainly be exterminated from in
front of your eyes.”^u

^a Or, “life.” M, *neph’esh*; LXX, *psy.chē*; Vg, *a’ni.ma*. ^b “God.” M, *Elo.kim*. ^c Or, “loyal love.” ^d M, *sh’ol*; LXX, “Ha’des”; Vg, *in.fer’nus*. ^e Or, “earthling men.” M, *a.dam*. ^f Literally, “face.” Compare 2 Samuel 17:11, footnote b. ^g “Men.” M, *ish*.

*1Sa 19:10
Mt 26:4
Mt 27:1
*Ps 16:1
Ps 56:4
kPs 18:2
Mt 26:39
Joh 20:17
n2Sa 7:12
Ec 3:2
Lu 9:51
rPs 17:13
Ps 142:6
sNu 6:25
Ps 67:1
Ps 80:3
Da 9:17
tPs 6:4
Ro 9:15
Eph 1:6
Eph 2:7
uPs 25:2
Ps 69:6
Isa 50:7
Joe 2:26
vPs 6:10
Isa 41:11
Jer 20:11
v1Sa 2:9
Ps 115:17
Jer 51:57
Mt 25:46
zPs 59:12
Ps 63:11
Joh 8:44
*2Ch 32:16
2Pe 2:10
□Ps 94:4
4Ps 73:1
□Isa 64:4
1Co 2:9
*Jas 2:5
*Ps 126:2
Joh 3:21
*Ps 27:5
Ps 32:7
*2Sa 17:11
Ps 86:14
Ac 4:27
kPs 64:3
2Co 12:20
nPs 28:6
rPs 17:7
Ps 98:1
s1Sa 23:7
Jer 1:8
t1Sa 23:26
Ps 116:11
*Ps 88:16
La 3:54

□2Ch 33:13
Ps 6:9
Pr 15:29
Heb 5:7
*De 10:12
De 30:20
Ps 34:9
Isa 56:6
Mt 22:37
v1Sa 2:9
Joh 10:29
*Ps 94:2
Re 18:6
*Ps 27:14
Ps 29:11
Isa 33:4
Heb 12:12
*Ps 146:5
1Pe 1:21
□Ps 33:12
*Ps 85:2
Isa 1:18
Isa 43:25
Ac 13:39
Ro 4:7
kLe 17:4
2Co 5:19
nJoh 1:47
1Pe 2:1
Re 14:5
rJob 3:24
Ps 6:2
Ps 31:10
Ps 38:3
sPs 38:2
tJob 30:30
Ps 22:15
Ps 102:3
uPs 38:18
Ps 51:4
Pr 28:13
Jer 3:13
1Jo 1:9
vJos 7:20
2Sa 12:13
Lu 15:18
vPs 86:5
Ps 103:3
Eph 4:32
zPs 34:4
Ps 40:3
2Co 1:4
*Ps 69:13
Isa 55:6
2Co 6:2
□Ps 124:4
Isa 43:2
Re 12:16

- Surely you have heard the voice of my en-
treaties when I cried to you for help.[□]
- ²³ O love Jehovah, all YOU his men of loving-
kindness.^a
The faithful ones Jehovah is safeguarding,[□]
But he is rewarding exceedingly anyone
showing haughtiness.^{*}
- ²⁴ Be courageous and may YOUR heart be strong,[□]
All YOU who are waiting for Jehovah.^{*}

Of David. Mas’kil.^a

- 32** Happy[□] is the one whose transgression
is pardoned, whose sin is covered.^{*}
- ² Happy is the man^b to whose account Jehovah
does not put error,^k
And in whose spirit there is no deceit.ⁿ
- ³ When I kept silent my bones wore out through
my groaning^c all day long.^r
- ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon
me.^s
My life’s moisture has been changed as in
the dry heat of summer.^t *Se’lah*.
- ⁵ My sin I finally confessed to you and my error
I did not cover.^u
I said: “I shall make confession over my
transgressions to Jehovah.”^v
And you yourself pardoned the error of
my sins.^v *Se’lah*.
- ⁶ On this account every man of loving-kindness
will pray to you^z
At such a time only as you may be found.^{*}
As for the flood of many waters, they will
not touch him himself.[□]

^a “Contemplative poem.” M, *mas.khil*; a term not quite understood. Some think 2 Chronicles 30:22, which uses a word of similar form, furnishes a clue to its meaning. LXX, “Of quick understanding.” ^b “Man.” M, *a.dam*. ^c More literally, “roaring.”

¹ You are a place of concealment for me; you will safeguard from distress itself.^a
With joyful cries of providing escape you will surround me.^b *Se'lah.*

⁸ "I shall make you have insight and instruct you in the way you should go.^{*}

"I will give advice with my eye upon you.^a

⁹ "Do not make yourselves like a horse or mule without understanding,^{*}

"Whose spiritedness is to be curbed even by bridle or halter^{*}

"Before [they] will come near^b to you."

¹⁰ Many are the pains that the wicked one has,^k
But as for the one trusting in Jehovah,
loving-kindness^c itself surrounds him.ⁿ

¹¹ Rejoice in Jehovah and be joyful, YOU righteous ones,^r

And cry out joyfully, all you who are upright in heart.^s

33 Cry out joyfully, O you righteous ones,
because of Jehovah.^t

On the part of the upright ones praise^c is fitting.^u

² Give thanks to Jehovah on the harp;^{ov}

On an instrument of ten strings make melody to him.^v

³ Sing^o to him a new song;^z

Do YOUR best at playing on the strings
along with joyful shouting.^{*}

⁴ For the word of Jehovah^o is upright,^o

And all his work is in faithfulness.^a

⁵ He is a lover of righteousness and justice.^{*}

^a Or, by a slight correction, "I will fix my eye upon you." ^b Or, "That they may not come near." Literally, "There is not a coming near," the Hebrew verb being in the infinitive construct. ^c Or, "loyal love."

^aPs 9:9
^bPs 27:5
^cPs 119:114
^dJer 36:26
^eEx 15:1
^fJg 5:1
^g2Sa 22:1
^hPs 98:1
ⁱRe 7:10
^j*Ps 34:11
^kPs 119:105
^lMt 7:13
^m*Ps 33:18
ⁿPr 3:6
^o*Job 35:11
^pPr 26:3
^qJer 8:6
^rJer 31:18
^s*Jas 3:3
^tkPs 16:4
^uPr 13:21
^vEc 8:13
^wIsa 3:11
^xnPs 2:12
^yPs 24:8
^zPs 147:11
^{aa}Pr 16:20
^{ab}*Ro 5:11
^{ac}Php 4:4
^{ad}sPs 125:4
^{ae}tPs 32:11
^{af}Ps 97:12
^{ag}Ro 5:19
^{ah}1Co 1:31
^{ai}uPs 118:15
^{aj}Pr 15:8
^{ak}v1Ch 25:6
^{al}Ps 81:2
^{am}Re 5:8
^{an}*Ps 48:10
^{ao}yPs 92:3
^{ap}Ps 144:9
^{aq}*Ps 43:4
^{ar}zPs 96:1
^{as}Re 5:9
^{at}Re 14:3
^{au}*1Ch 13:8
^{av}2Ch 34:12
^{aw}Eph 5:19
^{ax}*Ps 68:4
^{ay}*Ps 12:6
^{az}Pr 30:5
^{ba}Ro 3:4
^{bb}*Ps 105:19
^{bc}*De 32:4
^{bd}Ps 25:10
^{be}*Tit 1:2
^{bf}*Ps 11:7
^{bg}Heb 1:9
^{bh}Re 15:4

With the loving-kindness^a of Jehovah the earth is filled.^a

² By the word of Jehovah the heavens themselves were made,^{*}

And by the spirit^b of his mouth all their army.^{*}

⁷ He is gathering as by a dam^c the waters of the sea,^k

Putting in storehouses the surging waters.^d

⁸ Let all [those of] the earth^e be in fear^o of Jehovah.ⁿ

At him let all the inhabitants of the productive land^f be frightened.^r

⁹ For he himself said and it came to be;^s

He himself commanded^c and it proceeded to stand so.^t

¹⁰ Jehovah himself has frustrated the counsel of the nations;^u

He has thwarted the thoughts of the peoples.^v

¹¹ To time indefinite the very counsel of Jehovah will stand;^y

The thoughts of his heart are to one generation after another generation.^z

¹² Happy^o is the nation whose God^g is Jehovah,^{*}

The people whom he has chosen as his possession.^q

¹³ From the heavens Jehovah has looked,^a

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Or, "breath." M, *ru'ahh*; translated "active force" at Genesis 7:22, where see footnote a. LXX, *pneu'ma*; Vg, *spiritus*. ^c Or, by another vowel-pointing of M, "skin bottles," in agreement with LXXVgSy. ^d "The surging waters." Hebrew, *t'hōmōth*, the plural number of *t'hōm*, the word found in Genesis 1:2, where see footnote c. LXXVg, "abysses." ^e Literally, "all the earth," M; but accompanied by a verb in the masculine gender, plural number. Compare Genesis 11:1, footnote c. ^f "The productive land." M, *te.bēl'*; LXX, "the inhabited earth"; Vg, *or'bis* ("circle"). ^g "God." M, *Elo.him'*.

- He has seen all the sons of men.^a
 14 From the established place where he dwells^b
 He has gazed at all those dwelling on the earth.
 15 He is forming their hearts all together;^c
 He is considering all their works.^e
 16 There is no king saved by the abundance of military forces;^g
 A mighty^o man himself is not delivered by the abundance of power.^k
 17 The horse^o is a deception for salvation,ⁿ
 And by the abundance of its vital energy it does not afford escape.^r
 18 Look! the eye of Jehovah is toward those fearing him,^s
 To those waiting for his loving-kindness,^{dt}
 19 To deliver^o their soul^e from death itself^u
 And to preserve them alive in famine.^{ov}
 20 Our very soul^e has been in expectation of Jehovah.^y
 Our helper and our shield^o he is.^z
 21 For in him our heart rejoices;^g
 For in his holy^o name we have put our trust.^z
 22 Let your loving-kindness,^d O Jehovah, prove to be upon us,^a
 Even as we have kept waiting for you.^o

8 [Aleph]

34 I will bless Jehovah at all times;^g
 Constantly his praise will be in my mouth.^o

^a Or, "mankind." M, *ha-a-dam'*. ^b Or, more literally, "place of his dwelling." M. ^c Or, "at one (the same) time." ^d Or, "loyal love." ^e "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chē*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*.

Heb 4:13
 1Ki 8:30
 Ps 123:1
 Isa 66:1
 Isa 64:8
 Ac 17:26
 Job 34:21
 Pr 24:12
 1Co 4:5
 Ex 14:17
 Jos 11:6
 2Ch 32:21
 k1Sa 14:45
 2Ch 14:11
 Jer 9:23
 Ps 127:4
 n2Ki 7:7
 Ps 20:7
 Pr 21:31
 Ho 14:3
 Pr 21:31
 rPs 147:10
 Ec 9:11
 sJob 36:7
 Ps 34:15
 1Pe 3:12
 tPs 13:5
 Ps 52:8
 Ps 147:11
 c1Sa 36:14
 Ps 105:16
 uPs 91:3
 Joh 10:28
 vJob 5:20
 Ps 37:19
 Isa 33:16
 Ps 47:9
 yPs 62:1
 Ps 62:5
 Ps 130:5
 Isa 40:31
 sIsa 11:9
 zPs 115:9
 Ps 144:2
 *Ps 13:5
 Ps 28:7
 Isa 25:9
 Zec 10:7
 Joh 16:22
 u1Ch 16:10
 Pr 18:10
 Jer 9:24
 Ap 5:12
 Ps 32:10
 Ps 119:76
 *Ac 1:4
 *Ps 145:1
 Ac 16:25
 Eph 5:20
 ePs 71:15
 Ps 96:2

3 [Beth]

- 2 In Jehovah my soul will make its boast;^g
 The meek ones will hear and will rejoice.^g

3 [Gimel]

- 3 O MAGNIFY Jehovah with me,^k
 And let us exalt his name together.ⁿ

7 [Daleth]

- 4 I inquired of Jehovah and he answered me,^r
 And out of all my frights he delivered me.^s

11 [He]

- 5 They looked to him and became radiant,^t
 And their very faces could not possibly be ashamed.^u

15 [Zayin]^a

- 6 This afflicted one called and Jehovah himself heard,^v
 And out of all his distresses he saved him.^y

19 [Heth]

- 7 The angel^o of Jehovah^o is camping all around those fearing him^z
 And he rescues them.^g

23 [Teth]

- 8 O TASTE and see that Jehovah is good.^z
 Happy^o is the able-bodied man^b that takes refuge in him.^a

27 [Yod]

- 9 Fear Jehovah, you holy ones of his,^o
 For there is no lack to those fearing him.^g

*Ps 44:8
 Isa 45:25
 1Co 1:31
 2Co 10:17
 *Ps 105:3
 Ps 119:74
 kPs 35:27
 Lu 40:16
 Lu 1:46
 nPs 148:13
 Re 19:5
 rLu 11:9
 Heb 5:7
 sPs 18:48
 Ps 46:1
 Ps 144:10
 Isa 12:2
 tEs 8:16
 Ps 97:11
 Ps 123:2
 Isa 45:22
 Mic 7:8
 uPs 37:19
 Ps 119:6
 vPs 3:4
 Ps 10:17
 y2Sa 22:1
 Re 7:14
 *Ps 91:11
 *Ps 35:5
 z2Ki 6:17
 Ps 91:11
 Heb 1:14
 *2Ki 19:35
 Da 6:22
 *Ps 119:103
 Jer 31:14
 1Pe 2:3
 *Ps 65:4
 Ap 2:12
 Ps 84:12
 Ps 94:22
 *Ge 22:12
 Ps 31:23
 Ps 145:10
 Re 15:4
 *Ps 23:1
 Ro 8:32
 Php 4:19

^a In this acrostic psalm the sixth Hebrew letter *waw* is missing between this *zayin* and the *he* of the preceding verse. ^b "Able-bodied man." M, *geb'er*.

□ [Kaph]

- ¹⁰ The maned young lions themselves have had little on hand and gone hungry,^o
But as for those seeking Jehovah, they will not lack anything good.*

↳ [Lamed]

- ¹¹ Come, YOU sons, listen to me;*
The fear of Jehovah is what I shall teach YOU.^k

↻ [Mem]

- ¹² Who is the man^a that is delighting in life,ⁿ
That is loving enough days to see what is good?^r

↳ [Nun]

- ¹³ Safeguard your tongue against what is bad,^s
And your lips against speaking deception.^t

□ [Samekh]

- ¹⁴ Turn away from what is bad and do what is good;^u
Seek to find peace and pursue it.^v

↳ [Ayin]

- ¹⁵ The eyes of Jehovah are toward the righteous ones,^y
And his ears are toward their cry for help.^z

□ [Pe]

- ¹⁶ The face of Jehovah is against those doing what is bad,*
To cut off the mention^b of them from the very earth.^o

↳ [Tsade]

- ¹⁷ They cried out and Jehovah himself heard,^a

^a "The man." M, *ha-ish*. ^b Or, "remembrance."

Job 4:11
Ps 104:21

*Ps 84:11
Mt 6:33

*Pr 4:1
Pr 7:24
Ec 12:1
2Ti 3:15
2Pe 1:19
kPs 32:8
Ps 111:10
Pr 1:7
Pr 2:6
nDe 6:2
De 30:20
Ps 21:4
Ps 91:16
1Pe 3:10
rEc 2:3
Ec 12:13
Mic 6:8
sPs 39:1
Mt 12:34
Jas 1:26
Isa 3:2
tPr 12:22
Col 3:9
1Pe 2:1
Re 14:5
uPs 37:27
Pr 3:7
Ro 12:9
1Pe 3:11
vMt 5:9
Jas 3:17

*Pr 4:1
Pr 7:24
Ec 12:1
2Ti 3:15
2Pe 1:19
kPs 32:8
Ps 111:10
Pr 1:7
Pr 2:6
nDe 6:2
De 30:20
Ps 21:4
Ps 91:16
1Pe 3:10
rEc 2:3
Ec 12:13
Mic 6:8
sPs 39:1
Mt 12:34
Jas 1:26
Isa 3:2
tPr 12:22
Col 3:9
1Pe 2:1
Re 14:5
uPs 37:27
Pr 3:7
Ro 12:9
1Pe 3:11
vMt 5:9
Jas 3:17

yPs 33:18
1Pe 3:12
z2Ch 7:15
Da 9:17

*Le 17:10
Eze 14:8
Am 9:4
□Ps 10:16
Ps 37:10
Pr 10:7
Ec 8:10
Isa 26:14
APs 91:15
Ps 145:18
Isa 65:24

And out of all their distresses he delivered them.^o

↳ [Qoph]

- ¹⁸ Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart,*
And those who are crushed in spirit he saves.^o

↳ [Resh]

- ¹⁹ Many are the calamities of the righteous one,*
But out of them all Jehovah delivers him.^o

↳ [Shin]

- ²⁰ He^a is guarding all the bones of that one;^k
Not one of them at all has been broken.ⁿ

↳ [Taw]

- ²¹ Calamity will put the wicked one himself to death,^r
And the very ones hating the righteous one will be held guilty.^s

- ²² Jehovah is redeeming^b the soul of his servants,^o
And none of those taking refuge in him will be held guilty.^u

Of David.

35 Do conduct my case, O Jehovah, against my opponents;^v

War against those warring against me.^v

- ² Take hold of buckler and large shield,
And do rise up in my help,^z

- ³ And draw spear and double ax to meet those pursuing me.*

2Ch 32:21
Ps 34:19
Ps 145:20
Ac 12:11

*Ps 145:18
Ps 147:3
Isa 61:1

*Isa 57:15
Isa 66:2
Lu 4:18

*Job 30:9
Pr 24:16
Joh 16:33
Ac 14:22
2Ti 3:12

*Job 42:12
Mt 24:22
1Co 10:13
kDa 6:22
nEx 12:46
Nu 9:12
Joh 19:36

rPs 37:34
Ps 94:23
Isa 3:11

sPs 89:23
Lu 19:14
Joh 7:7
1Th 2:16
2Th 1:6
oIsa 20:3
t1Kl 1:29
Ps 31:5
Ps 71:23
Ps 103:4
1Pe 1:18
uPs 9:10
Ro 8:33

v1Sa 24:15
Ps 43:1
Ps 119:154
Jer 51:36
yEx 14:25
Jos 10:42
Ne 4:20
zPs 33:20
Ps 70:1
Ps 121:2
*Isa 10:12
Ro 12:19

^a "He," MSyT; "Jehovah," LXXVg and two Hebrew manuscripts.

^b Or, "ransoming."

Say to my soul: "I am your salvation."^a
 4 May those be shamed and humiliated who are hunting for my soul.^a
 May those be turned back and be abashed who are scheming calamity for me.^b
 5 May they become like chaff before the wind,^c And let Jehovah's^d angel be pushing [them] along.^e
 6 Let their way become darkness and slippery places,^f And let Jehovah's angel be pursuing them.
 7 For without cause they have hid for me their netted pit;^g Without cause they have dug it for my soul.^{ak}
 8 Let ruin come upon him without his knowing,^h And let his own net that he hid catch him;ⁱ In the ruin let him fall into it.^j
 9 But let my own soul^a be joyful in Jehovah;^k Let it exult in his salvation.^l
 10 Let all my bones themselves say:
 "O Jehovah, who is there like you,^m
 "Delivering the afflicted one from one stronger than he is,ⁿ
 "And the afflicted and poor one from the one robbing him?"^o
 11 Violent witnesses rise up;^p What I have not known they ask me.
 12 They reward me with bad for good,^q Bereavement to my soul.^a
 13 As for me, when they became ill, my clothing was sackcloth,^r With fasting I afflicted my soul,^s And upon my bosom my own prayer would return.^t

^a "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chē*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*.

□Ps 51:12
 Ps 62:7
 Isa 12:2
 Ps 83:17
 Jer 17:18
 □Ps 35:26
 Mt 27:3
 □Ps 1:4
 Ps 83:13
 Isa 17:13
 Ho 13:3
 □Zec 1:11
 □Isa 37:36
 Ac 12:23
 *Ps 73:18
 Pr 4:19
 Jer 13:16
 Jer 23:12
 #Ps 25:3
 Joh 15:25
 kPs 119:85
 Ps 140:5
 nPr 29:1
 Lu 21:34
 1Th 5:3
 rPs 7:15
 Ps 57:6
 Ps 141:10
 sEs 7:10
 tIsa 2:1
 Isa 61:10
 Hab 3:18
 uPs 13:5
 Ps 21:1
 vEx 15:11
 Ps 89:6
 yPs 18:17
 Ps 102:17
 Ps 109:31
 zPr 22:23
 *Ps 27:12
 Mt 26:59
 Ac 6:13
 □Isa 19:5
 Ps 38:20
 Ps 109:5
 Joh 10:32
 □Isa 20:33
 Lu 23:21
 □Job 30:25
 Mt 5:44
 Ro 12:14
 *Le 16:31
 Nu 29:7
 Jas 4:9
 □Mt 10:13
 Lu 10:6

*2Sa 1:17
 □Isa 57:18
 □Ps 51:5
 *Ge 24:67
 kLu 19:41
 nPs 35:26
 Pr 17:5
 Pr 24:17
 1Co 13:6
 rPs 71:10
 Jer 20:10
 sHab 3:14
 tPs 57:4
 Mr 14:65
 Ac 17:5
 uJob 16:9
 Ps 37:12
 Ac 7:54
 vPs 6:3
 Ps 13:1
 Ps 74:10
 Hab 1:13
 yPs 69:14
 Ps 142:6
 zPs 22:20
 *Ps 22:22
 Ps 40:9
 Ps 111:1
 Heb 2:12
 □Isa 25:3
 Ro 15:9
 *Ps 25:2
 Re 11:10
 □Ps 69:4
 Joh 15:25
 *Ps 120:6
 *Isa 32:18
 Mt 12:19
 *Ps 31:13
 Jer 11:19
 Da 6:5
 Mt 26:4
 □Ps 22:13
 Lu 11:53
 14 As for a companion, as for a brother of mine,^a I walked about like one mourning^b for a mother.^c
 Saddened, I bowed down.^k
 15 But at my limping they rejoiced and gathered together;ⁿ They gathered together against me,^r Striking [me] down when I did not know it;^s They ripped [me] to pieces and did not keep silent.^t
 16 Among the apostate mockers for a cake^a There was a grinding^b of their teeth even against me.^u
 17 O Jehovah,^c how long will you keep seeing [it]?^v Do bring back my soul from their ravages,^y Even my only one^{dz} from the maned young lions.
 18 I will laud you in the big congregation;^e Among a numerous people I shall praise you.^q
 19 O may those who for no reason are my enemies not rejoice over me;^a As for those hating me without cause, let them not wink the eye.^b
 20 For it is not peace that they speak;^c But against the quiet ones of the earth^d Things of deception they keep scheming.^e
 21 And they open wide their mouth even against me.^f

^a "The apostate mockers for a cake," that is, ungodly buffoons.
^b "There was a grinding." The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive absolute and so is impersonal and timeless. ^c "Jehovah," LXXVg; *A.do.nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 places where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text from *Y'ho.wah'* to read *A.do.nay'*. ^d "My only one," in the feminine gender, referring to the soul. ^e M, *qa.hal'*; LXXVg, "ee.cle'sia.a."

They have said: "Aha! Aha! our eye has seen [it]."^a
 22 You have seen, O Jehovah,^c Do not keep silent.^{a*}
 O Jehovah,^b do not keep yourself far from me.^o
 23 Do arouse yourself^c and awake to my judgment,^{*}
 O my God and my Sovereign[#] Lord,^d to my case at law.
 24 Judge me according to your righteousness, O Jehovah my God,^k
 And may they not rejoice over me.ⁿ
 25 O may they not say in their heart: "Aha, our soul!"^{er}
 May they not say: "We have swallowed him up."^s
 26 Let those be ashamed and abashed all together^t
 Who are joyful at my calamity.^u
 Let those be clothed with shame^v and humiliation who are assuming great airs against me.^y
 27 Let those cry out joyfully and rejoice who are delighting in my righteousness,^z
 And let them say constantly:
 "Let Jehovah be magnified,^{*} who takes delight in the peace of his servant."^o
 28 And let my own tongue utter in an undertone[^]
 your righteousness,^o
 All day long your praise.^{*}

4Ps 40:15
 Ps 54:7
 Ps 70:3
 Ex 3:7
 Ac 7:34
 Ps 28:1
 Ps 50:21
 Ps 83:1
 Ps 101:1
 Ps 71:12
 *Ps 7:6
 Isa 51:9
 #Ps 68:20
 Ps 69:6
 Ps 71:5
 Ps 73:28
 Ps 140:7
 Ps 141:8
 Isa 3:15
 Isa 7:7
 Lu 2:29
 Ac 4:24
 Re 6:10
 kPs 7:8
 nMic 7:8
 rPs 70:3
 Ps 74:8
 sPs 56:1

tPs 40:14
 uPs 71:13
 vPs 132:18
 yPs 38:16
 1Pe 5:5
 zPs 40:16
 Ro 12:15
 *Ps 70:4
 #Ps 149:4
 ^Jos 1:8
 Ps 1:2
 oPs 51:14
 +Ps 71:24

^a Or, "be deaf." ^b "Jehovah," LXXVg; *A.do.nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 places where the Jewish Sopherim changed the original text from *Y'ho-wah'* to read *A.do.nay'*. ^c "Arouse yourself," M. But LXX adds: "O Jehovah." ^d "My Sovereign Lord," M, *A.do.nai'*, the plural number of *A.dōn'* with the first person, singular pronominal ending. ^e That is, What our souls wanted!

To the director. Of Jehovah's servant, David.

36 Transgression utters to the wicked one in the midst of my^a heart;^o
 There is no dread^o of God in front of his eyes.^{*}
 2 For he has acted too smoothly to himself in his own eyes[#]
 To find out his error so as to hate [it].^k
 3 The words^o of his mouth are hurtfulness and deception;ⁿ
 He has ceased to have insight for doing good.^r
 4 Hurtfulness is what he keeps scheming upon his bed.^s
 He stations himself on a way that is not good.^t
 What is bad he does not reject.^u
 5 O Jehovah, your loving-kindness^b is in the heavens;^v
 Your faithfulness is up to the clouds.^y
 6 Your righteousness^o is like mountains of God;^{cz}
 Your judicial decision is a vast primeval ocean.^{d*}
 Man^e and beast you save, O Jehovah.^o
 7 How precious your loving-kindness^b is, O God!^{fta}
 And in the shadow of your wings the sons of men^e themselves take refuge.^o
 8 They drink their fill of the fatness of your house,^{*}
 And of the torrent of your pleasures you cause them to drink.^o

1Sa 15:14
 Pr 20:11
 Mt 7:16
 Tit 1:16
 cPr 1:27
 Ge 20:11
 Ps 112:1
 Pr 16:6
 Ec 12:13
 Ro 3:18
 De 29:19
 Ps 10:3
 Lu 10:29
 Lu 16:15
 cPs 130:5
 k1Sa 15:21
 1Ch 10:13
 n1Sa 18:21
 Ps 5:9
 Mt 22:15
 t1Sa 11:6
 1Sa 13:13
 Zep 1:6
 Heb 10:39
 1Jo 2:19
 sPs 38:12
 Pr 4:16
 Mt 27:1
 Ac 23:12
 t1Sa 65:2
 Mic 6:8
 uPs 97:10
 Am 5:15
 Ro 1:32
 vPs 57:10
 sPs 103:6
 yPs 89:2
 zPs 71:19
 Isa 45:19
 *Ro 11:33
 #Ps 104:14
 Ps 147:9
 Mt 10:29
 ΔEx 34:6
 1Jo 4:9
 oRu 2:12
 Ps 91:4
 Re 12:14
 *Zec 9:17
 ePs 16:11

^a "My," MT; "his," LXXVgSy and a few Hebrew manuscripts.
^b Or, "loyal love." ^c "God," M, *El*. ^d Or, "vast body of surging waters." M, *t'hōm*. See Genesis 1:2, footnote c; Genesis 7:11, footnote b; Psalm 33:7, footnote d. ^e Or, "mankind." M, *a.dam'*.
^f "God." M, *El-o.him'*.

⁹ For with you is the source^a of life;^{*}

By light from you we can see light.^{*}

¹⁰ Continue your loving-kindness^b to those knowing you,^k

And your righteousness to those upright in heart.ⁿ

¹¹ O may not the foot of haughtiness come in to me;^r

As for the hand of wicked people, let it not make me a wanderer.^s

¹² There the practicers of hurtfulness have fallen;^t

They have been pushed down and have been unable to get up.^u

Of David.

8 [Aleph]

37 Do not show yourself heated up because of the evildoers.^v

Do not be envious of those doing unrighteousness.^v

² For like grass they will speedily wither,^z

And like green new grass they will fade away.^{*}

9 [Beth]

³ Trust in Jehovah and do good;²

Reside in the earth and deal with faithfulness.^a

⁴ Also take exquisite delight in Jehovah,²

And he will give you the requests of your heart.^{*}

9 [Gimel]

⁵ Roll upon Jehovah your way²

And rely upon him and he himself will act.^{*}

^a Or, "well." M, *ma-qôr'*. ^b Or, "loyal love."

*Jer 2:13

Re 21:6

#Job 29:3

Ps 27:1

Pr 4:18

Isa 2:5

Mal 4:2

2Co 4:6

Jas 1:17

1Pe 2:9

Re 21:23

kPs 103:17

nPs 7:8

Ps 94:15

Ps 97:11

rIsa 51:23

Da 4:37

sGe 4:12

Ps 125:3

tJg 5:31

Ps 9:16

uPs 18:38

Jer 51:64

vIsa 1:8

Pr 19:3

Pr 24:19

yPs 73:3

Pr 3:31

Pr 23:17

Ga 5:21

Jas 4:5

zPs 73:19

Ps 90:6

Ps 129:6

1Pe 1:24

*Ps 92:7

Jas 1:10

2Ps 4:5

Ps 26:1

Isa 1:17

Isa 50:10

Heb 6:10

APs 37:9

Ps 37:29

Re 21:3

Job 34:9

Isa 58:14

*Ps 21:2

Joh 15:7

2Ps 22:8

Ps 55:22

Pr 16:3

Mt 6:32

*Mt 6:33

Php 4:6

1Pe 5:7

⁶ And he will certainly bring forth your righteousness as the light itself,^{*}
And your justice as the midday.^k

7 [Daleth]

⁷ Keep silent before Jehovahⁿ
And wait longingly for him.^{*}
Do not show yourself heated up at anyone making his way successful,^s
At the man carrying out [his] ideas.^t

8 [He]

⁸ Let anger alone and leave rage;^u
Do not show yourself heated up only to do evil.^v

⁹ For evildoers themselves will be cut off,^y
But those hoping in Jehovah are the ones that will possess the earth.^z

9 [Waw]

¹⁰ And just a little while longer and the wicked²
one will be no more,^{*}
And you will certainly give attention to his place and he will not be.²

¹¹ But the meek ones themselves will possess the earth.^{2a}
And they will indeed find their exquisite delight in the abundance of peace.²

9 [Zayin]

¹² The wicked one is plotting against the righteous one,^{*}
And at him he is grinding his teeth.²

¹³ Jehovah^a himself will laugh at him,^{*}

*Mic 7:9
Mt 13:43
kIsa 58:10
Da 12:3

nPs 62:1
rPr 20:22

sPs 73:3
Jer 12:1
tJob 21:7
Ec 5:8

Isa 10:14

Da 11:36

uPr 14:29

Pr 16:32

Eph 4:26

Jas 1:19

Jas 3:14

vJon 4:1

Lu 9:54

yPs 55:23

Pr 10:7

Mt 25:46

2Pe 2:9

zPs 25:13

Ps 37:29

Isa 58:14

Heb 11:16

OPr 11:5

*Job 24:24

Ps 73:20

Heb 10:37

1Pe 4:7

2Isa 25:39

Es 7:10

Ps 52:5

2Ps 83:18

AMt 5:5

Mt 25:34

Re 21:3

2Ps 72:7

Ps 119:165

Isa 26:3

Php 4:7

*1Sa 18:21

Mt 26:4

2Ps 35:16

Mt 24:51

*Ps 2:4

Pr 1:26

^a "Jehovah," VgSyT; LXX, "The Lord"; M, *A.do.nay'*. This is one of the 134 places where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* instead of the original *Y*ho.wah'*.

For he certainly sees that his day will come.*

π [Heth]

¹⁴ The wicked ones have drawn a sword itself
and have bent their bow,^k
To cause the afflicted and poor one to fall,ⁿ
To slaughter those who are upright in
[their] way.^r

¹⁵ Their own sword will enter into their heart,^s
And their own bows will be broken.^t

υ [Teth]

¹⁶ Better is the little of the righteous one^u
Than the abundance of the many wicked
ones.^v

¹⁷ For the very arms of the wicked ones will be
broken,^v
But Jehovah will be supporting the right-
eous ones.^z

ϑ [Yod]

¹⁸ Jehovah is aware of the days of the faultless
ones,*
And their very possession will continue
even to time indefinite.^z

¹⁹ They will not be ashamed in the time of
calamity,^a
And in the days of famine they will be
satisfied.^z

Ϸ [Kaph]

²⁰ For the wicked themselves will perish,*
And the enemies of Jehovah will be like
the preciousness of pastures;^z
They must come to their end. In smoke^c
they must come to their end.*

*1Sa 26:10
Jer 50:27
Eze 21:25
Eze 21:29
Da 5:26

kPs 64:3
Ac 12:2
nPr 29:10
Hab 1:13
Mt 23:30

rAc 7:52
1Jo 3:12
s2Sa 17:23
Es 7:9
Ps 7:15
Ps 35:8

isa 37:38
Mt 27:5
tPs 46:9
Ps 76:3
Ho 1:5
Ho 2:18

uPr 3:33
Pr 16:8
1Ti 6:6
vPr 15:16
Pr 30:9
Ec 2:26

vJob 38:15
Ps 10:15
zPs 41:12
Isa 41:10
Jude 24

*Ps 31:7
2Ti 2:19

□Ps 21:4
Ro 6:23

ΔEc 9:12
Mic 2:3

φPs 33:19
Isa 65:13

*Ps 92:9
Pr 10:7
Lu 13:3
φDe 33:16

*Ge 19:28
De 29:20
Ps 102:3
Heb 12:29
□Ps 68:2

ⲥ [Lamed]

²¹ The wicked one is borrowing and does not pay
back,*

But the righteous one is showing favor and
is making gifts.^k

²² For those being blessed by him will them-
selves possess the earth,ⁿ

But those upon whom evil is called by him
will be cut off.^r

Ϸ [Mem]

²³ By Jehovah the very steps of an able-bodied
man have been made ready,^s

And in his way He takes delight.^t

²⁴ Although he may fall, he will not be hurled
down,^u

For Jehovah is supporting his hand.^v

ⲥ [Nun]

²⁵ A young man I used to be, I have also grown
old,^v

And yet I have not seen anyone righteous
forsaken,^z

Nor his offspring^a looking for bread.^z

²⁶ All day long he is showing favor and lending,^z
And so his offspring^a are in line for a
blessing.^a

Ϸ [Samekh]

²⁷ Turn away from what is bad and do what is
good,^z

And so reside to time indefinite.*

²⁸ For Jehovah is a lover of justice^z
And he will not forsake his men of loving-
kindness.*

י [Ayin]

To^a time indefinite they will certainly be guarded,*

But as for the offspring^b of the wicked ones, they will indeed be cut off.^k

²⁹ The righteous themselves will possess the earth,ⁿ

And they will reside forever upon it.^r

ב [Pe]

³⁰ The mouth of the righteous is the one that utters wisdom^o in an undertone,^s

And his is the tongue that speaks justly.^t

³¹ The law of his God is in his heart;^u

His steps will not wobble.^v

צ [Tsade]

³² The wicked one is keeping on the watch for the righteous^y

And is seeking to put him to death.^z

³³ As for Jehovah, he will not leave him to the hand of that one,^{*}

And he will not pronounce him guilty when he is being judged.^q

ק [Qoph]

³⁴ Hope in Jehovah and keep his way,^a

And he will exalt you to take possession of the earth.^q

When the wicked ones are cut off you will see [it].^{*}

ר [Resh]

³⁵ I have seen the wicked a tyrant^q

^a By dropping the Hebrew preposition "to" this line begins with the Hebrew letter 'ayin. ^b Or, "seed," M.

*Ps 97:10

kEx 20:5

Job 27:14

Ps 21:10

Pr 2:22

nDe 30:20

Ps 37:9

Pr 2:21

rIsa 66:22

Mt 25:46

oPs 51:6

sJos 1:8

Ps 1:2

Ps 71:15

Pr 10:21

Pr 15:7

Mt 12:35

tCol 4:6

uDe 6:6

Ps 40:8

vPs 40:2

Ps 121:3

yPs 10:8

Jer 20:10

Lu 6:7

Lu 11:54

zLu 19:47

Lu 20:20

Ac 9:24

*Isa 23:28

2Ti 4:17

qPs 109:31

Ro 8:33

aPs 27:14

Pr 4:26

Ro 8:24

qPs 112:9

Mt 5:5

Lu 14:11

1Pe 5:6

*Ps 52:6

Ps 91:8

Ps 92:11

oEs 5:11

Job 21:7

And spreading himself^a as a luxuriant [tree] in native soil.^{*}

³⁶ And yet he proceeded to pass away^b and there he was not,^{*}

And I kept seeking him and he was not found.^{*}

ש [Shin]

³⁷ Watch one of integrity^c and keep the upright one in sight,^q

For the future of [that] man will be peaceful.^a

³⁸ But the transgressors themselves will certainly be annihilated^d together;^e

The future of wicked people will indeed be cut off.^{*}

ת [Taw]

³⁹ And^c the salvation of the righteous ones is from Jehovah;^q

He is their fortress in the time of distress.^x

⁴⁰ And Jehovah will help them and provide them with escape.^h

He will provide them with escape from wicked people and save them,^k

Because they have taken refuge in him.^a

A melody of David, to bring to remembrance.

38 O Jehovah, do not in your indignation reprove me,^r

Nor in your rage correct me.^s

² For your own arrows have sunk themselves deep into me,^t

*Eze 31:3

*Isa 10:18

Isa 10:33

Eze 31:18

Ac 12:23

*Ps 37:10

oPs 64:4

qJob 1:1

Job 42:12

Lu 2:25

aJob 42:16

Isa 32:18

2Ti 4:8

oPs 83:10

qPs 1:4

Ps 9:17

Ps 52:5

Pr 10:7

Mt 13:30

2Th 1:9

*Mt 25:46

2Pe 2:9

oPs 3:8

Isa 12:2

Jon 2:9

*Ps 9:9

Ps 46:1

Ps 91:15

Isa 33:2

Col 1:11

2Ti 4:17

*Isa 46:4

1Co 10:13

kPs 17:13

1Jo 5:18

n1Ch 5:20

Ps 22:4

rPs 6:1

Ps 88:16

Isa 54:8

Hab 3:2

Heb 12:6

sDe 9:19

Jer 10:24

Jer 30:11

tJob 6:4

Ps 64:7

La 3:12

^a Literally, "pouring himself out." M. ^b "He proceeded to pass away," M; "I passed by," LXXVgSy. ^c By dropping the Hebrew conjunction "and" this line begins with the Hebrew letter taw, the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

- And upon me your hand is come down.^u
- ³ There is no sound spot in my flesh because of your denunciation.^v
- There is no peace in my bones on account of my sin.^v
- ⁴ For my own errors have passed over my head;^z Like a heavy load^o they are too heavy for me.^{*}
- ⁵ My wounds have become stinky,^o they have festered,^o Because of my foolishness.^a
- ⁶ I have become disconcerted, I have bowed low to an extreme degree,^o All day long I have walked about sad.^{*}
- ⁷ For my very loins have become full of burning,^o And there is no sound spot in my flesh.^{*}
- ⁸ I have grown numb and become crushed to an extreme degree;^u I have roared due to the groaning of my heart.^k
- ⁹ O Jehovah,^a in front of you is all my desire,ⁿ And from you my sighing itself has not been concealed.^r
- ¹⁰ My own heart has palpitated heavily, my power has left me,^s And the light of my own eyes also is not with me.^t
- ¹¹ As for my lovers^b and my companions, they keep standing away from my plague,^u And my close acquaintances themselves have stood off at a distance.^v
- ¹² But those seeking my soul lay out traps^v And those working for a calamity to me have spoken of ruinous things,^z

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgT; A.do.nay', M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text from Y'ho.wah' to A.do.nay'. ^b Or, "friends."

uDe 2:15
Ru 1:13
Isa 5:6
Ps 32:4
v2Ch 26:19
Isa 1:6
yPs 31:10
Ps 51:8
Ps 90:8
zEzr 9:6
Ps 40:12
oIsa 46:1
oIsa 50:2
Isa 53:11
La 1:14
Mt 11:28
1Pe 2:24
oIsa 1:6
Jer 8:22
oIsa 1:5
oPs 35:14
Ps 57:6
oJob 30:28
Ps 31:10
Ps 42:9
o2Ch 21:18
oJob 7:5
Ps 41:8
Ac 12:23
oJob 7:6
kJob 3:24
Ps 22:1
Isa 59:11
n2Co 5:2
rPs 102:5
Ro 8:23
sPs 143:4
Isa 21:4
tPs 6:7
Ps 69:3
Ps 88:9
La 2:11
uJob 6:21
Job 19:13
Mt 26:56
Joh 16:32
vLu 22:54
Lu 23:49
yPs 64:5
Ps 119:110
Lu 20:20
z2Sa 16:7
Ps 62:4
Lu 20:23

- And deceptions they keep muttering all day long.^{*}
- ¹³ As for me, like someone deaf, I would not listen,^o And, like someone speechless, I would not open my mouth.^a
- ¹⁴ And I came to be like a man that was not hearing,^o And in my mouth there were no counter-arguments.^{*}
- ¹⁵ For on you, O Jehovah, I waited;^o You yourself proceeded to answer, O Jehovah^a my God.^{*}
- ¹⁶ For I said: "Otherwise they would rejoice at me;^u "When my foot moved unsteadily,^k they would certainly assume great airs against me."ⁿ
- ¹⁷ For I was ready to stumble,^r And my pain was in front of me constantly.^s
- ¹⁸ For I proceeded to tell about my own error;^t I began to be anxious over my sin.^u
- ¹⁹ And my live enemies themselves became mighty,^v And those hating me for no reason became many.^v
- ²⁰ And they were rewarding me with bad for good;^z They kept resisting^b me in return for my pursuing what is good.^{*}
- ²¹ Do not leave me, O Jehovah.^o O my God, do not keep far away from me.^a

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT; A.do.nay', M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read A.do.nay' instead of Y'ho.wah'. ^b Or, "They were adversaries to." M, sa.tan'.

²² Do make haste to my help,^o O Jehovah^a my salvation.^{*}

To the director of Je-du'thun.^b A melody of David.

39 I said: "I will guard my ways"
"To keep from sinning with my tongue."^{*}

"I will set a muzzle as a guard to my own mouth^k

"As long as anyone wicked is in front of me."ⁿ

² I became speechless with silence;^r
I kept quiet from what is good,^s
And my pain was stirred up.^t

³ My heart grew hot inside me;^u
During my sighing the fire kept burning.^v
I spoke with my tongue:

⁴ "Cause me, O Jehovah, to know my end,^o
"And the measure of my days—what it is,^z
"That I may know how transient I am."^{*}

⁵ "Look! you have made my days just a few,^c
"And my life's duration is as nothing in front of you.^a

"Surely every earthling man,^d though standing firm, is nothing but an exhalation.^o
Se'lah.

⁶ "Surely in a semblance man^e walks about.^{*}
"Surely they are boisterous in vain.^o
"One piles up things and does not know who will be gathering them.^{*}

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgT; *A.do.nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* instead of *Y'ho.wah'*. ^b "Je-du'thun." An unexplained term. ^c Literally, "just handbreadths," M. ^d "Earthling man," M, *a.dam'*. ^e "Man," M, *ish*.

^oPs 40:13

^{*}Ps 27:1

Ps 62:2

Isa 12:2

^o1Ch 16:41

1Ch 25:1

^{*}1Ki 2:4

Ps 119:9

Heb 2:1

^{*}Ps 12:4

Pr 18:21

Jas 3:5

^kPs 73:9

Jas 1:26

Jas 3:2

ⁿMic 7:5

Col 4:5

^rMt 27:12

^sMt 7:6

tJob 32:19

uJer 20:9

Lu 24:32

vEze 3:14

yJob 14:13

zPs 90:12

Ps 119:84

^{*}Job 14:1

Jas 1:10

^oPs 119:96

^cGe 47:9

Ps 90:9

Jas 4:14

^{*}Ps 89:47

Ps 90:4

2Pe 3:8

^{*}Ps 62:9

Ps 144:4

Ec 2:11

Isa 40:17

^{*}Ro 8:20

1Co 7:31

Jas 4:14

^oEc 1:14

Ec 4:8

Ec 6:11

Lu 12:19

^{*}Job 27:16

Ps 49:10

Pr 13:22

Pr 23:5

Ec 2:11

Lu 12:20

Jas 5:3

^oGe 49:18

Ps 130:5

Lu 2:25

^kJob 13:15

Ps 38:15

Ro 15:13

Heb 11:1

ⁿPs 25:11

Mic 7:19

Tit 2:14

^rPs 44:13

Joe 2:17

^sLe 10:3

^t2Sa 16:10

Ps 38:13

uDa 4:35

vJob 9:34

Ps 25:17

yPs 38:3

zPs 38:1

Heb 12:6

^{*}Job 4:19

Isa 50:9

Ho 5:12

^oPs 39:5

Ps 102:11

^{*}1Ki 8:28

^oPs 28:1

^c2Ki 20:5

Job 16:20

Ps 56:8

Heb 5:7

^oLe 25:23

1Ch 29:15

Ps 119:19

1Pe 1:17

^{*}Ge 47:9

Heb 11:13

^{*}Job 10:20

Job 14:6

^kGe 5:24

Ge 42:36

Job 14:10

Ec 9:5

ⁿPs 27:14

Ps 37:7

Ro 8:24

^rPs 116:2

Ps 130:2

Da 9:18

^sJob 33:24

Ps 55:23

Ps 71:20

⁷ "And now for what have I hoped, O Jehovah?^a"
"My expectation is toward you.^k

⁸ "From all my transgressions deliver me."^{*}
"Do not set me as a reproach of the senseless one.^r

⁹ "I kept speechless;^s I could not open my mouth,^t
"For you yourself acted.^u

¹⁰ "Remove from off me your plague.^v
"Due to the hostility of your hand I myself have come to an end.^y

¹¹ "By reproofs against error you have corrected man,^z
"And you melt his desirable things just like a moth.^{*}

"Surely every earthling man^e is an exhalation.^o *Se'lah.*

¹² "Do hear my prayer, O Jehovah,^a
"And to my cry for help do give ear.^o
"At my tears do not keep silent.^{*}

"For I am but a temporary resident with you,^o

"An inhabitant the same as all my forefathers.^{*}

¹³ "Look away from me, that I may brighten up^{*}
"Before I go away and I am not."^k

To the director. Of David, a melody.

40 I earnestly hoped in Jehovah,ⁿ
And he proceeded to incline [his ear] to me and to hear my cry for help.^r

² He also proceeded to bring me up out of a roaring pit,^s

^a "Jehovah," VgT and many Hebrew manuscripts; *A.do.nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* instead of *Y'ho.wah'*. ^b "Man," M, *ish*. ^c "Earthling man," M, *a.dam'*.

Out of the mire of [the] sediment.^t

Then he raised up my feet upon a crag;^u

He firmly established my steps.^v

⁵ Further, he put in my mouth^o a new song,^y

Praise to our God.^z

Many will see [it] and will fear^{*}

And they will trust in Jehovah.[□]

⁴ Happy is the able-bodied man^a that has put

Jehovah as his trust^a

And that has not turned his face to defiant

people,^o

Nor to those falling away to lies.^{*}

³ Many things you yourself have done,^o

O Jehovah my God, even your wonderful

works and your thoughts toward us;^u

There is none to be compared to you.^u

Were I inclined to tell and speak [of them],^k

They have become more numerous than I

can recount.ⁿ

⁶ Sacrifice and offering you did not delight in;^u

These ears of mine you opened up.^{bs}

Burnt offering and sin offering you did not

ask for.^t

⁷ That being so, I said: "Here I have come,"

"In the roll of the book^o it being written

about me.^v

⁸ "To do your will,^c O my God, I have de-

lighted,^y

"And your law is within my inward parts.^z

⁹ "I have told the good news^d of righteousness

in the big congregation.^{ec}

"Look! my lips I do not restrain.[□]

^a "Able-bodied man." M, *geb'er*. ^b Literally, "Ears you excavated for me," M. "But a body you prepared for me," LXX^{ABN}. ^c Or, "pleasure." ^d "Told the good news." M, *ba-sar*; LXX, *e-van-gel-izein*. ^e M, *qa-hal*; LXXVg, "ec-cle-si-a."

tPs 69:2
Jer 38:6
uPs 27:5
Ps 61:2
Mt 7:24
oPr 12:6
vPs 17:5
Ps 119:133
yPs 33:3
Ps 96:1
Re 5:9
zPs 113:1
Re 19:6
*Ps 64:9
Ac 4:4
oPr 3:5
aPs 34:8
Ro 15:13
oPs 15:4
iSa 28:15
eEx 15:11
Ps 136:4
*Ps 92:5
Isa 55:8
Ro 8:34
uJob 37:5
Ps 89:6
Da 4:35
kPs 92:5
Ps 139:6
nPs 139:18
iSa 15:22
Ps 50:8
Ps 51:16
Ho 6:6
Heb 10:5
sJob 33:16
Isa 50:5
tHeb 10:6
uHeb 10:7
vGe 3:15
Ge 49:10
De 17:18
Lu 24:44
Ac 10:43
1Co 15:3
oEc 12:12
yPs 112:1
Joh 4:34
Ro 7:22
zPs 37:31
Pr 3:1
Jer 31:33
Joh 12:49
2Co 3:3
oPr 21:16
*Lu 4:17
Lu 19:42
oPs 119:13
Heb 13:15

aPs 139:2
Joh 17:4
oRo 10:10
*Joh 18:37
1Ti 6:13
eMic 7:20
Joh 1:17
Joh 3:17
*1Ki 8:50
Ps 69:16
*Ps 23:6
Ps 43:3
Ps 57:3
Joh 1:17
kPs 22:12
Heb 4:15
nPs 38:4
Isa 53:6
Lu 18:13
rPs 69:4
sGe 42:28
Ps 73:26
Lu 21:26
tPs 25:17
Mt 26:39
uPs 38:22
Ps 70:1
vPs 31:17
Ps 35:4
Ps 70:2
Ps 71:13
Isa 41:11
yMt 21:38
Mt 26:4
zPs 9:3
Joh 18:6
Ac 9:4
Ac 12:23
*Ps 70:3
Lu 19:43
Lu 21:23
oPs 35:21
Ps 35:25
aPs 13:5
Ps 68:3
oDe 4:29
Ps 27:4
Zep 2:3
Heb 11:6

"O Jehovah, you yourself know that well.^a

¹⁰ "Your righteousness I have not covered over within my heart.^o

"Your faithfulness and your salvation I have declared.^{*}

"I have not hidden your loving-kindness^a and your trueness in^b the big congregation."^o

¹¹ You yourself, O Jehovah, do not restrain your pity from me.^{*}

Let your loving-kindness^a and your trueness themselves constantly safeguard me.^o

¹² For calamities encircled me until there was no numbering of them.^k

More errors of mine overtook me than I was able to see;ⁿ

They became more numerous than the hairs of my head,^r

And my own heart left me.^s

¹³ Be pleased, O Jehovah, to deliver me.^t

O Jehovah, to my help do make haste.^u

¹⁴ May those be ashamed and abashed all together^v

Who are seeking my soul^c to sweep it away.^y

May those turn back and be humiliated who are delighting in my calamity.^z

¹⁵ Let those stare in amazement on account of their shame^{*}

Who are saying to me: "Aha! Aha!"[□]

¹⁶ Let those exult and rejoice in you,^a

All those who are seeking you.^o

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b "To." M; "in," many Hebrew manuscripts and T; "from," LXXVgSy. ^c "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; Sy, *naph'sha*; LXX, *psy-che*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*.

Let those say constantly: "May Jehovah be magnified,"

Those who are loving salvation by you.^c

¹⁷ But I am afflicted and poor.^a

Jehovah^a himself takes account of me.^b

You are my help and the Provider of escape for me.^k

O my God, do not be too late.ⁿ

To the director. A melody of David.

41 Happy is anyone acting with consideration toward the lowly one;^r

In the day of calamity Jehovah will provide escape for him.^s

² Jehovah himself will guard him and preserve him alive.^t

He will be pronounced happy in the earth,^u

And you cannot possibly give him over to the soul^b of his enemies.^v

³ Jehovah himself will sustain him upon a divan of illness;^y

All his bed you will certainly change during his sickness.^z

⁴ As for me, I said: "O Jehovah, show me favor."^a

"Do heal^o my soul,^c for I have sinned^o against you."^q

⁵ As for my enemies, they say what is bad concerning me:^a

"When will he die and his name actually perish?"^d

⁶ And if one does come to see [me], untruth is what his heart will speak;^r

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT and four Hebrew manuscripts and six early printed Hebrew editions. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* instead of *Y^ho.wah'*. ^b Or, "soulful desire." M, *neph'esh*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*; LXX, "hands." See Psalm 35:25, footnote e. ^c "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy.chē'*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*; Sy, *naph'sha*.

*Ps 35:27
Lu 1:46
@2Ch 20:17
Ps 3:8
Ps 85:9
*Ps 34:6
Ps 70:5
*1Pe 2:23
1Pe 5:6
kPs 54:4
Isa 50:7
Heb 13:6
nPs 143:7

rDe 15:7
Ps 112:9
Pr 14:21
Mt 25:35
Mr 14:7
Lu 14:14
Ac 20:35
sPs 34:19
Ps 37:39
Heb 6:10
tPs 33:19
Ps 91:3
Jer 45:5
uPs 128:1
Mt 5:7
Lu 1:48
vPs 27:12
Ps 140:8
2Pe 2:9
y2Ki 20:5
Ps 73:26
z2Co 4:16
Php 2:27
*Ps 32:5
Ps 51:1
@Ps 60:2
@Ps 51:4
@De 32:39
Ps 6:2
Ps 103:3
Ps 147:3
Ho 6:1
Jas 5:16
APs 22:7
Ps 102:8
@Pr 10:7
Isa 65:15
Pr 26:24
Lu 11:54
Lu 20:20

He will gather up for himself something hurtful;^o

He will go out; on the outside he will speak [of it].^x

⁷ Unitedly against me all those hating me whisper to one another;^y

Against me they keep scheming something bad for me:^k

⁸ "A good-for-nothing thing^a is poured out upon him;ⁿ

"Now that he has lain down, he will not get up again."^r

⁹ Also the man at peace with me, in whom I trusted,^s

Who was eating my bread,^t has magnified [his] heel^o against me.^{bu}

¹⁰ As for you, O Jehovah, show me favor and cause me to get up,^v

That I may pay them back.^y

¹¹ By this I do know that you have found delight in me,^z

Because my enemy does not shout in triumph over me.^a

¹² As for me, because of my integrity you have upheld me,^o

And you will set me before your face to time indefinite.^a

¹³ Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel^o

From time indefinite even to time indefinite.^a

Amen and Amen.^{c@}

@2Co 11:26

*Jer 20:10
Mt 26:61
*Pr 16:28
Pr 26:20
Ro 1:29
2Co 12:20
kPs 31:13
Ps 56:5
Isa 53:3
Mt 26:3
nJob 2:8
Ps 38:3
rPs 3:2
Ps 71:11
Mt 27:42
Mt 27:63
s2Sa 15:12
Ps 55:13
tDe 32:15
Ob 7
uJoh 13:18
Joh 13:26
@Ps 49:5
vPs 57:1
Ps 109:21
yPs 18:37
Ps 21:8
Lu 19:27
zPs 31:7
*Ps 31:8
Ps 124:6
Jer 20:13
Col 2:15
@Job 1:1
Ps 25:21
Ps 64:4
Ps 94:18
APs 16:11
Ps 31:16
Ps 34:15
@Ge 33:20
1Ch 29:10
Ps 72:18
Ps 106:48
*1Ch 16:36
Re 7:12
@Nu 5:22
De 27:15
Jer 28:6
1Co 14:16
Re 22:20

^a Literally, "A thing of Be'li'al [worthlessness]," M. ^b "Magnified [his] heel against me," MLXXVg. ^c With this the first of the five books of the Psalms ends, the thirteenth verse being a doxology or form of words ascribing praise to Jehovah God and corresponding to the doxology with which each of the other four books ends, namely, Psalms 72, 89, 106 and 150.

BOOK TWO

(Psalms 42—72)

To the director. Mas'kil^a for the sons of Ko'rah.*

42 As the hind that longs for the water streams,

So my very soul longs for you, O God.^{b*}

² My soul indeed thirsts for God,^k for the living God.^{c,n}

When shall I come and appear [before]^d God?^r

³ To me my tears have become food day and night,^s

While [they]^e say to me all day long: "Where is your God?"^t

⁴ These things I will remember, and I will pour out my soul within me.^u

For I used to pass along with the throng,^v I used to walk slowly before them to the house of God,^{fy}With the voice of a joyful cry and thanksgiving,^z

Of a crowd celebrating a festival.*

⁵ Why are you in despair, O my soul,^o

And why are you boisterous within me?^a Wait for God,^{f,q}

*Nu 16:32
Nu 26:11
1Ch 6:37

*Ps 63:1
Ps 84:2
Ps 143:6
Isa 26:8

kPs 36:8
Re 22:1

oPs 89:26
nDe 5:26

Jos 3:10
1Sa 17:36

2Ki 19:4
Jer 10:10

Da 6:20
Mt 16:16

Joh 5:26
rPs 27:4

sPs 80:5
tPs 3:2

Ps 79:10
Ps 115:2

uJob 29:2
Ps 62:8

v1Ch 15:15
y1Ch 16:1

zDe 16:14
Ps 81:1

Ps 122:1
*2Ch 7:10

2Ch 30:23
Ps 81:3

Isa 30:29
i1Sa 30:6

Ps 55:4
Mr 14:34

*Ps 43:5
*Ps 37:7

Ps 71:14
Ro 4:18

* See the superscription of Psalm 32, footnote a. ^b "O God," MLXXVg; "O Jehovah," SyT. On the word "God" here Professor E. Kautzsch in the footnotes of his German translation says: "Once for all time it may be observed here, that in the entire second Book (as, for instance, also Psalm 53 in contrast with Psalm 14) and down to Psalm 83 also in the third Book the divine name Jahwe has practically all the way through been altered by the hand of an editor to *Elohim* (God), although thereby many disturbing repetitions (as, for instance, here in 42,3) and unusual word combinations arise." See Gesenius' *Hebrew Grammar* (1949 ed.) § 131s. ^c "God," M, El. ^d "Appear [before]," MLXXVg; "see [the face of]," SyT. ^e "They," Sy and four Hebrew manuscripts. ^f "God," M, *Elohim*.

For I shall yet laud him as the grand salvation^a of my person.^{b*}

⁶ O my God,^c within me my very soul is in despair.^o

That is why I remember you,^xFrom the land of Jordan^o and the range of Her'mon,^{d,h}From the little mountain.^{ek}

⁷ Surging waters to surging waters^f are callingⁿ At the sound of your (water)spouts.^g

All your breakers and your waves"—

Over me they have passed.^s

⁸ By day Jehovah will command his loving-kindness,^{ht}

And by night his song will be with me;^u There will be prayer to the Godⁱ of my life.^{lv}

⁹ I will say to Godⁱ my crag:^y

"Why have you forgotten me?"^z"Why do I walk sad because of the oppression of the enemy?"^z

¹⁰ With murder against my bones those showing hostility to me have reproached me,^a

While they say to me all day long: "Where is your God?"^z

¹¹ Why are you in despair, O my soul,^{*}

And why are you boisterous within me?^o Wait for God,^{c,x}

*Ps 44:3
Ps 91:16
Ps 111:1
Ps 145:10
ePs 22:1
Ps 43:5
Mt 27:46
Ps 77:11
Jon 2:7
ePs 114:3

*De 3:8
De 4:48
kPs 133:3

nGe 1:2

rPs 88:7

sLa 3:54
Jon 2:3

tDe 28:8
Ps 44:4
uJob 35:10

Ps 32:7
Ps 63:6
Ac 16:25
vPs 27:1

y2Sa 22:2
Ps 18:2
zPs 13:1

ePs 43:2
Ps 55:3
Ec 4:1
*Pr 12:18
Joe 2:17

*Ps 3:2
Ps 79:10
Ps 115:2
Mlc 7:10
*1Sa 30:6
Ps 55:4
Mr 14:34
ePs 43:5
*Ps 37:7
Ps 71:14
Ro 4:18

^a Literally, "the salvations," M; in the plural number of grandeur or majesty. ^b Literally, "my face," LXX^{AB}SyVg and verse 11; "his face," MT. See 2 Samuel 17:11, footnote b. ^c "God," M, *Elohim*. ^d Or, "and the sacred places (peaks)." ^e Literally, "the mountain of littleness," M. "Zion," by a correction of M. ^f Or, "Primeval ocean to primeval ocean," M; "Abyss to abyss," LXXVg. ^g "Your cataracts," LXXVg. ^h Or, "loyal love." ⁱ "God," M, El. ^j "The God of my life," MLXXVgT; "the living God," Sy and many Hebrew manuscripts. See verse 2.

For I shall yet laud him as the grand salvation^a of my person^b and as my God.^c

43 Judge me,^k O God,^c and do conduct my legal caseⁿ

Against a nation without loving-kindness.^d
From the man of deception and unrighteousness may you provide me with escape.^r

² For you are the God^c of my fortress.^s

Why have you rejected me?^t

Why do I walk about sad because of the oppression by the enemy?^u

³ Send out your light and your truth.^v

May these themselves lead me.^{xy}

May they bring me to your holy mountain and to your grand tabernacle.^z

⁴ And I will come to the altar of God,^c

To God,^f my exultant rejoicing.^q

And I will laud you on the harp,^o O God my God.^{ga}

⁵ Why are you in despair, O my soul,^g

And why are you boisterous within me?^h
Wait for God,^{ca}

For I shall yet laud him as the grand salvation^a of my person^b and as my God.^c

To the director. Of the sons of Ko'rah.^h Mas'kil.^h

44 O God,^c with our ears we have heard,^k
Our forefathers themselves have recounted to usⁿ

*Ps 42:5
Ps 44:3
Ps 91:16
Ps 111:1
Ps 145:10
kPs 7:8
Ps 26:1
Ps 75:7
1Co 4:4
1Pe 2:23
n1Sa 24:15
Ps 35:1
Pr 22:23
r2Sa 15:31
2Sa 16:23
2Sa 17:23
Ps 71:4
sEx 15:2
Ps 140:7
Pr 18:10
Ps 71:9
Ps 77:7
uPs 42:9
vJob 29:3
Ps 27:1
Ps 40:11
Ps 119:105
yPs 143:10
z1Ch 16:1
2Ch 6:2
Ps 78:68
*2Sa 24:25
*2Sa 22:47
Isa 61:10
oPs 71:22
A2Sa 6:5
Ps 57:8
Ps 81:2
1Sa 30:6
Ps 55:4
Mr 14:34
*Ps 42:5
Ps 42:11
*Ps 37:7
Ps 71:14
Ro 4:18
*Ps 44:3
Ps 91:16
Ps 111:1
Ps 145:10
*Ps 42 Sup
kPs 78:3
nEx 12:26
Ex 13:14

rPs 22:31
Ps 71:18
Isa 38:19
Joe 1:3
s2Ki 19:25
tEx 34:11
De 7:1
Jos 10:42
Ne 9:22
Ps 78:55
uEx 15:17
vEx 23:28
Jos 10:11
Jos 24:12
yDe 4:38
Ac 7:45
zEx 15:6
Ps 17:7
Ps 20:6
*Isa 63:12
Joh 12:38
*Nu 6:25
Ps 41:12
Ps 80:16
*Nu 14:8
De 7:7
1Sa 12:22
Mal 1:2
Ro 9:15
*Ps 48:1
De 33:5
Ps 24:10
Ps 74:12
Isa 33:22
Re 11:17
*De 33:28
Ps 135:4
Lu 1:33
Ro 9:13
*De 33:17
Ps 18:39
Isa 41:14
Php 4:13
*Ps 60:12
Zec 10:5
Ro 16:20
*Ps 20:7
Ps 33:16
k1Sa 17:45
Ho 1:7
nJos 1:5
Jg 2:18
2Sa 7:10
Ps 140:7
rPs 40:14
Ps 132:18
sPs 34:3
tPs 83:18
Ps 115:1
uPs 43:2
Ps 74:1
Ro 11:1
vPs 60:10
Ps 108:11

The activity that you performed in their days,^r

In the days of long ago.^s

² You yourself by your hand drove away even nations^t

And you proceeded to plant them [instead].^u

You went breaking national groups and sending them away.^v

³ For it was not by their own sword that they took possession of the land,^y

And their own arm was not what brought them salvation.^z

For it was your right hand and your arm^{xy} and the light of your face,^q

Because you took pleasure in them.^a

⁴ You yourself are my King, O God.^{ca}

Command grand salvation^a for Jacob.^r

⁵ By you we shall push our adversaries themselves;^g

In your name we shall tread down those rising up against us.^h

⁶ For it was not in my bow that I kept trusting^h And it was not my sword that was saving me.^k

⁷ For you saved us from our adversaries,ⁿ And those intensely hating us you put to shame.^r

⁸ In God we will offer praise all day long,^s And to time indefinite your name we shall laud.^t *Se'lah.*

⁹ But now you have rejected and keep humiliating us,^u

And you do not go forth with our armies.^v

^a See Psalm 42:5, footnote a. ^b See Psalm 42:5, footnote b. ^c "God." M, *El-o-him*. ^d Or, "not of loyal love," M. ^e "Comfort me," Sy and three Hebrew manuscripts. ^f "God." M, *El*. ^g "O God my God," MLXXVgSy; "O Jehovah my God," T. ^h See the superscription of Psalm 32, footnote a.

^a "Grand salvation." See Psalm 42:5, footnote a.

- ¹⁰ You keep making us turn back from the adversary,^y
And the very ones intensely hating us have
pillaged for themselves.^z
- ¹¹ You give us up like sheep, as something to
eat,^{*}
And among the nations you have scattered
us.^z
- ¹² You sell your people for no value at all,^a
And you have made no wealth by the price
for them.^o
- ¹³ You set us as a reproach to our neighbors,^{*}
A derision and jeering to those all around
us.^o
- ¹⁴ You set us as a proverbial saying among the
nations,^{*}
A shaking of the head among the national
groups.^z
- ¹⁵ All day long my humiliation is in front of
me,^k
And the shame of my own face has covered
me.ⁿ
- ¹⁶ Due to the voice of the one reproaching and
speaking abusively,^r
Because of the enemy and the one taking
his revenge.^s
- ¹⁷ All this itself has come upon us and we have
not forgotten you,
And we have not acted falsely in your
covenant.
- ¹⁸ Our heart has not turned faithlessly back,^v
Nor do our footsteps deviate from your
path.^y
- ¹⁹ For you have crushed us in the place of
jackals,^z
And you cover us over with deep shadow.^{*}

^yDe 28:25
Jos 7:8
Isa 31:1

^zPs 89:41
Isa 10:6
Jer 15:13

^{*}Jer 12:3
Ro 8:38

^zDe 28:64
Isa 11:11
Jas 1:1

^aDe 32:30
Isa 52:3

^oNe 5:8
^{*}Jer 24:9
Eze 36:19

^oJer 48:27

^{*}De 28:37
2Ch 7:20

^zLa 2:15

^kJos 7:8
Ezr 9:6
Jer 3:25

ⁿPs 69:7
Jer 51:51

^rPs 74:18
Isa 37:4

^sPs 8:2

^v1Ki 15:5
Lu 17:32
Heb 4:11

^yPs 119:157
2Pe 3:11

^zIsa 34:13
Isa 35:7
^{*}Job 3:5

^{*}Ps 23:4
Mt 4:16

^oPs 99:3
Ps 99:6

^aEx 20:3
Zep 1:5

^oPs 139:1
Jer 17:10

^{*}Jos 22:22
Ec 12:14
1Co 4:5

^o1Ki 19:10
Joh 15:20
Joh 16:2

^zIsa 7:21

^{*}Isa 25:11
Ps 44:11
Ps 79:2

^oPs 74:19
Isa 40:27

^rPs 74:19
Isa 40:27

^sPs 22:15
Ps 119:25
Isa 51:23

^tLa 4:5
^uPs 33:20
Ps 79:9

^vPs 94:17
^wPs 26:11
Ps 130:7

^xLu 24:21

^yIsa 5:1
^zPs 49:3
Pr 8:6

^{*}Ge 49:10
1Ch 17:14
Ps 2:6

^{*}Ps 110:1
Mt 25:34
Mt 27:37

^{*}Joh 1:49

- ²⁰ If we have forgotten the name of our God,^a
Or we spread out our palms to a strange
god,^b

- ²¹ Will not God^a himself search this out?^o
For he is aware of the secrets of the
heart.^{*}

- ²² For on your account we have been killed all
day long;^o
We have been accounted as sheep^o for
slaughtering.^{*}

- ²³ Do arouse yourself. Why do you keep sleep-
ing, O Jehovah?^c
Do awake. Do not keep rejecting forever.^k

- ²⁴ Why do you keep your very face concealed?ⁿ
Why do you forget our affliction and our
oppression?^r

- ²⁵ For our soul has bowed down^d to the dust
itself;^s
Our belly has clung to the very earth.^t

- ²⁶ Do arise in help to us^u
And redeem us for the sake of your loving-
kindness.^{ev}

- To the director upon The Lilies.^f Of the sons of
Ko'rah. Mas'kil.^g A song of the beloved women.^y

- 45** My heart has become astir with a good-
ly matter.^z

- I am saying: "My works are concerning a
king."^z

^a "God." M, *Elo-him*. ^b "God." M, *el*. ^c "Jehovah." LXXVgSyT and many Hebrew manuscripts and two early printed Hebrew editions; *A.do.nay*. M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay* in place of *Y'ho-wah*. ^d Or, "has melted (vanished) away," by another derivation of the Hebrew verb. ^e Or, "loyal love." ^f "The Lilies." M, *Sho.shan-nim*. ^g See the superscription of Psalm 32, footnote a.

May my tongue be the stylus^c of a skilled copyist.^a

² You are indeed more beautiful than the sons of men.^a

Charm^b has been poured out upon your lips.^c That is why God^b has blessed you to time indefinite.^b

³ Gird your sword upon [your]^c thigh,^a O mighty one,^d

With your dignity and your splendor.^k

⁴ And in your splendor rush inⁿ—

Ride in the cause of truth and humility [and] righteousness,^r

And your right hand will instruct you in fear-inspiring things.^s

⁵ Your arrows are sharp—under you peoples keep falling^t—

In the heart of the enemies of the king.^u

⁶ God^b is your throne^e to time indefinite, even forever;^v

The scepter of your kingship is a scepter of uprightness.^y

⁷ You have loved righteousness^z and you hate wickedness.^{*}

That is why God,^b your God,^b has anointed^f you with the oil of exultation more than your partners.^g

^a Or, "mankind." M, *a-dam'*. ^b "God." M, *Elo-him'*. ^c "Your," LXXVgSyT; omitted by M. ^d "Mighty one," MLXXSyT; *potentis-sime* ("most powerful one"), Vg. ^e Or, "Your throne is of God"; or, "Your throne of God is." Gesenius' *Hebrew Grammar* (Kautzsch-Cowley), 1949 reprint, says, on page 415, paragraph (b): "In Psalm 45:7 *chis-a-cha' Elo-him'* (usually explained as *thy divine throne*), *Elo-him'* is most probably a later addition [another suggestion is to read *chElo-him'* like *God's throne*]: compare section 141 d, note." ^f "Has anointed." M, *ma-shahh'*; from which verb *ma-shi'ahh* or "Messiah" comes.

Jer 17:1
2Sa 23:2
Ne 8:1
Ca 5:10
Mt 17:2
Joh 1:14
Col 1:15
Heb 1:3
Re 1:13
Pr 3:4
Lu 4:22
Joh 7:46
Ps 72:17
Php 2:10
Ps 110:2
Isa 63:1
Re 1:16
Re 19:16
Isa 9:6
Ac 10:36
kMt 28:18
Heb 8:1
nDa 7:13
Mt 25:31
rRe 19:11
sPs 2:9
2Th 1:8
uPs 110:5
v1Ch 17:14
Ps 89:29
Isa 9:7
Da 2:44
Lu 1:33
Ca 9:2
y2Sa 23:3
Ps 72:1
Jer 33:15
Heb 1:8
Re 19:11
zMt 3:15
Heb 7:26
Mt 7:23
Mt 25:41
Lu 13:27
Ps 89:20
1Ch 16:22
Isa 61:1
Lu 3:22
Ac 10:38
Heb 1:9

Ex 30:23
Pr 7:17
Joh 19:39
Ex 30:24
1Ki 10:18
1Ki 22:39
Ps 16:11
Ps 106:37
Ca 6:8
Isa 60:10
Re 21:24
kNe 2:6
Es 2:17
Joh 3:29
2Co 11:2
Re 21:9
n2Co 7:1
r2Co 6:17
sCa 1:4
Eph 5:29
tAc 10:36
Eph 5:26
uPhp 2:10
vAc 21:3
mPs 2:12
Ps 72:10
Isa 49:23
Hag 2:7
yCa 7:1
Isa 61:10
Mt 25:10
2Co 5:17
Re 21:2
zMt 22:11
1Pe 3:4
Re 3:18
Ex 28:39
Joh 17:24
2Co 11:2
Ps 148:12
Ge 35:8
Jg 11:37
Isa 61:6
Joh 10:16
Re 7:9
Isa 60:5
Re 7:15
Mt 1:1
Heb 11:39
Ps 103:13
Ro 5:18
1Co 15:22

⁸ All your garments are myrrh^a and aloeswood^a [and] cassia;^{*}

Out of the grand ivory^b palace strunged instruments themselves have made you rejoice.^{*}

⁹ The daughters^c of kings are among your precious women.^a

The queenly consort has taken her stand at your right hand in gold of O'phir.^k

¹⁰ Listen, O daughter, and see, and incline your ear,ⁿ

And forget your people and your father's house.^r

¹¹ And the king will long for your beauty,^s

For he is your lord,^{bt}

So bow down to him.^u

¹² The daughter of Tyre also with a gift^v—

The rich ones of the people will soften your^c own face.^m

¹³ The king's daughter is all glorious within [the house];^y

Her clothing is out of settings of gold.^z

¹⁴ In woven apparel she will be brought to the king.^{*}

The virgins^z in her train as her companions are being brought in to you.^g

¹⁵ They will be brought with rejoicing and joyfulness;^a

They will enter into the palace of the king.^g

¹⁶ In place of your^d forefathers^c there will come to be your^d sons,^g

^a Or, "in your precious things." ^b "Lord." M, *a-do-nim'*; the plural number of *a-don'*, to denote majesty or excellence. See Genesis 39:2, footnote d. ^c "Your," in the feminine gender, referring to the daughter's face. ^d "Your," in the masculine gender, referring to the king.

Whom you will appoint as princes^a in all the earth.*

¹⁷ I will make mention of your^b name throughout all generations to come.*

That is why peoples themselves will laud you to time indefinite, even forever.^k

To the director.

Of the sons of Ko'rahⁿ upon The Maidens.^c

A song.

46 God^d is for us a refuge and strength.^r
A help that is readily to be found during distresses.*

² That is why we shall not fear though the earth undergo change^t

And though the mountains totter into the heart of the vast sea;^u

³ Though its waters be boisterous, foam over,^v
Though the mountains rock at its uproar.^v
Se'lah.

⁴ There is a river^o the streams of which make the city of God^d rejoice,*
The holiest grand tabernacle^e of the Most High.^o

⁵ God^d is in the midst of [the city];^f it will not be made to totter.^o
God^d will help it at the appearance of morning.*

⁶ The nations became boisterous,^g the kingdoms tottered,*

^a "Princes." M, *sa.rim'*; Vg, *prin'ci.pes*; LXX, *ar'chon.tes*. ^b "Your," in the masculine gender, referring to the king. ^c "The Maidens." M, *'ala.mo.th'*. See the superscription of Psalm 9, footnote d; 1 Chronicles 15:20, footnote b. ^d "God." M, *El.o.him'*. ^e "Grand tabernacle." Literally, "tabernacles," M; but in the plural of grandeur or majesty, evidently. Compare Psalm 42:5, footnote a. ^f "The city." M, "her," to denote the city.

©Ps 68:27

Isa 32:1
Heb 11:16

=Ps 72:17
Php 2:10
kGe 22:17

Isa 9:7
Da 7:14
nPs 42:Sup

rPs 62:7
Pr 14:26
Heb 6:18

sGe 22:14
De 4:7
2Sa 22:19

Ps 145:18
tGe 7:12
Re 20:11

uGe 7:19
Ps 114:4
Hab 3:10

Re 6:14
vJob 38:11
Ps 93:3

Isa 5:30
Isa 57:20
vJg 5:5

1Ki 19:11
Mic 1:4
Na 1:5

Re 16:20
zPs 36:8
Isa 48:18

Eze 47:7
Re 22:1
cPs 72:8

*2Ch 6:6
Ps 48:1
Isa 60:14

Heb 12:22
Re 21:10
cPs 43:3

Ps 91:1
Ps 132:7
-Ex 34:9

De 23:14
Ps 68:18
Re 21:22

*Heb 12:28
-Ex 14:24
2Pe 1:19

cPs 2:1
Mt 25:32
*Mt 24:7

*Am 9:5
Hab 3:6
2Pe 3:10

kRo 8:31
nPs 9:9
rDe 32:4

sIsa 24:1
tMic 4:3
uEze 39:3

vNu 7:3
Mic 5:10
yPs 83:18

Hab 2:20
Zec 2:13
cIsa 2:4

zPs 21:13
Isa 2:11
Isa 5:16

Eze 28:22
Re 15:4
cIsa 41:2

*1Ch 29:11
Ps 57:5
cNu 14:9

2Ch 13:12
Isa 8:10
dDe 33:27

Ps 48:3
Jer 16:19
cPs 42:Sup

*2Ki 11:12
Ps 98:4
Isa 55:12

e2Sa 6:15
2Ch 13:15
Ezr 3:11

Lu 19:37
Re 19:1
*De 7:21

De 28:58
Ne 1:5
Re 6:17

*Ps 22:28
Mal 1:14
Re 15:3

kPs 13:47
nJos 10:24
Ps 110:1

rDe 11:12
Jer 3:19
Mt 25:34

1Pe 1:4
cPs 78:5
sDe 7:6

Ho 14:4
Mal 1:2
1Jo 4:9

t1Ch 15:28
cPs 81:3
u1Ch 15:24

He sounded^a with his voice, the earth proceeded to melt.*

⁷ Jehovah of armies is with us;^k

The God^b of Jacob is a secure height for us.ⁿ *Se'lah.*

⁸ Come you, behold the activities of Jehovah,^r
How he has set astonishing events on the earth.^s

⁹ He is making wars^o to cease to the extremity of the earth.^t

The bow^c he breaks apart and does cut the spear in pieces;^u

The wagons^e he burns in the fire.^v

¹⁰ "Give in and know YOU that I am God.^b

"I will be exalted among the nations,^z

"I will be exalted in the earth."^z

¹¹ Jehovah of armies is with us;^o

The God of Jacob is a secure height for us.^a *Se'lah.*

To the director. Of the sons of Ko'rah.^o A melody.

47 All you peoples, clap YOUR hands.^d
Shout in triumph to God^b with the sound of a joyful cry.^o

² For Jehovah is the Most High, to be feared,*
A great King over all the earth.*

³ He will subdue peoples under us^k
And national groups under our feet.ⁿ

⁴ He will choose for us our possession,^r
The pride of Jacob,^c whom he has loved.^s
Se'lah.

⁵ God^b has ascended with joyful shouting,^t
Jehovah with the sound of the trumpet.^{eou}

^a Literally, "gave," M. ^b "God." M, *El.o.him'*. ^c "Wagons," MSy; "large shields," LXXVg. ^d Literally, "palm," M. ^e Or, "sho'phar." A ram's horn used as a trumpet.

- ^a MAKE melody to God, make melody.^v
 Make melody to our King, make melody.^y
^r For God is King of all the earth;^z
 MAKE melody, acting with discretion.^{a*}
^a God has become king over the nations.^o
 God himself has taken his seat upon his
 holy throne.^a
^a The nobles of the peoples themselves have
 gathered together,^o
 [With] the people of the God^b of Abraham.^{*}
 For to God the shields^c of the earth be-
 long.^o
 He has made his ascent very high.^{*}
 A song. A melody of the sons of Ko'rah.^{*}

- 48** Jehovah is great and much to be praised.^k
 In the city^o of our God,^a [in] his
 holy mountain.^r
^a Beautiful for loftiness, the exultation of the
 whole earth,^s
 Is Mount Zion on the remote sides of the
 north,^t
 The town of the grand King.^u
^a In her dwelling towers God himself has become
 known as a secure height.^v
^a For, look! the kings themselves have met by
 appointment,^y
 They have passed by together.^z
^a They themselves saw; [and] so they were
 amazed.^{*}
 They grew terrified, they were sent run-
 ning in panic.^o

^a "Acting with discretion," by rendering the Hebrew participle in the plural number. M, *mas.khil'* (singular number). ^b Literally, "The people of the God," M; "With the God," LXXVgSy. ^c "Shields," MT; "powerful ones," LXX; "strong gods," Vg; "realms (empires)," Sy.

v1Ch 16:9
 yPs 145:1
 zZec 14:9
 Re 11:17
 *1Co 14:15
 *Ps 96:10
 Re 15:4
 *Ps 93:2
 Da 7:9
 Heb 4:16
 Re 4:2
 *Ge 49:10
 Ps 110:3
 Isa 11:10
 Isa 60:3
 *Ga 3:29
 Ga 6:16
 *Ps 84:11
 *Ps 89:18
 Isa 32:2
 *Ps 46:10
 Ps 47:5
 Ps 97:9
 *Ps 42 Sup
 kNe 9:5
 Ps 89:1
 *Pr 25:28
 *Ps 72:18
 nPs 46:4
 Heb 12:22
 Re 21:10
 rOb 17
 sPs 50:2
 Isa 60:15
 Eze 20:6
 Mal 3:12
 Re 14:1
 tIsa 14:13
 uPs 47:8
 Mal 1:14
 v2Ch 14:11
 Ps 125:1
 Isa 4:5
 Zec 2:5
 y2Sa 10:6
 Ps 83:2
 zRe 16:14
 Re 19:19
 *Ge 43:33
 *Ex 14:25
 2Kl 19:35

- ^aEx 15:15
 Isa 13:8
 Da 5:6
 *Isa 21:3
 Jer 30:6
 Ho 13:13
 *Ps 107:23
 *1Kl 22:48
 Isa 2:16
 Jer 18:17
 Eze 27:25
 *Ps 44:1
 Isa 38:19
 *Ps 48:1
 Re 21:10
 *Ps 46:5
 Ps 87:5
 Isa 2:2
 Mic 4:1
 kPs 26:3
 Ps 40:10
 Ps 63:3
 n2Ch 20:5
 Ps 63:2
 *Ps 109:1
 rEX 3:14
 Ex 34:6
 De 28:58
 sPs 138:4
 tPs 113:3
 Mal 1:11
 uPs 17:7
 Ps 44:3
 Ps 60:5
 *Ps 60:7
 vPs 78:68
 Re 14:1
 yJos 15:47
 Ps 97:8
 *Isa 2:15
 z2Ch 20:27
 Ps 137:6
 Re 15:4
 *Ne 12:31
 Mt 24:1
 *Ne 12:38
 Ne 12:39
 Isa 33:18
 *Isa 26:1
 *Isa 58:12
 Am 9:11
 *De 11:19
 *Ps 31:14
 *Ps 23:3
- ^a Trembling itself took hold of them there,^a
 Birth pangs like those of a woman giving
 birth.^o
^r With an east wind you wreck the ships^o of
 Tar'shish.^{*}
^a Just as we have heard, so we have seen^o
 In the city of Jehovah of armies, in the
 city of our God.^a
 God himself will firmly establish it^a to time
 indefinite.^a *Se'lah.*
^a We have pondered, O God, over your loving-
 kindness^{bk}
 In the midst of your temple.ⁿ
¹⁰ Like your name,^r O God, so your praise^o is^a
 To the borders of the earth.^t
 Your right hand is full of righteousness
 itself.^u
¹¹ May Mount Zion rejoice,^v
 May the dependent towns^o of Judah^o be
 joyful,^y on account of your judicial
 decisions.^z
¹² MARCH around Zion and go about it,^{*}
 Count its towers.^o
¹³ Set YOUR hearts upon its rampart,^a
 Inspect^d its dwelling towers,^o
 In order that you people may recount it to
 the future generation.^{*}
¹⁴ For this God is our God to time indefinite,
 even forever.^o
 He himself will guide us until [we] die.^{e*}

^a "It," in the feminine gender to mean the city. ^b Or, "loyal love."
^c Literally, "the daughters," M. Compare Numbers 21:25, foot-
 note c. ^d "Inspect," by a correction of M. The meaning of the
 Hebrew verb here (*pa-sag'*) remains undetermined. LXX, "Ob-
 serve." Vg, "Distribute." ^e "Until [we] die," MSy; "forever,"
 LXXVg.

To the director. Of the sons of Ko'rah.^a A melody.

49 Hear this, all you peoples.^k
Give ear, all you inhabitants of the
systemⁿ of things,^r

^a You sons of humankind^a as well as you sons
of man,^{bs}

You rich one and you poor one together.^t

^a My own mouth will speak things of wisdom,^u
And the meditation of my heart will be of
things of understanding.^{ov}

^a To a proverbial utterance I shall incline my
ear;^v

On a harp I shall open up my riddle.^z

^a Why should I be afraid in the days of evil,^{*}
[When] the very error of my supplanters^{csc}
surrounds me?^a

^a Those who are trusting in their means of
maintenance,^o

And who keep boasting about the abun-
dant of their riches,^a

^a Not one^d of them can by any means redeem
even a brother,^e

Nor give to God a ransom^{eo} for him;^z

^a (And the redemption price of their^g soul is
so preciousⁿ

That it has ceased to time indefinite)^k

^a That he should still live^o forever [and] not see
the pit.ⁿ

^a For he sees that even the wise ones die,^r
Together the stupid one and the unreason-
ing one perish,^s

^aPs 42 Sup
kPs 78:1
Mt 11:15
Re 2:7
nPs 17:14
Mt 12:32
rPs 50:1
Mal 1:11
Mt 13:39
sPs 33:13
tPs 62:9
Pr 22:12
Jer 5:4
Jas 1:10
uDe 32:2
Pr 4:1
vPs 19:14
Mt 12:35
oPs 147:5
yEze 20:49
Mt 13:10
zPr 1:6
*Ps 27:1
Pr 24:10
Eph 5:16
cGe 25:26
a2Sa 15:12
bJer 13:22
dPs 52:7
Pr 10:15
1Jo 2:16
Es 5:11
Jer 9:23
Lu 12:19
eMt 16:26
Mt 20:28
1Ti 2:6
1Pe 1:18
*Ex 21:30
Ex 30:12
Nu 35:31
oPr 6:35
*Ex 21:23
Job 36:18
kEc 9:5
Ro 8:20
nPs 16:10
Pr 10:2
Joh 8:51
Ac 2:27
1Co 15:22
oPs 89:48
rEc 2:16
Ec 9:5
Ro 5:12
sPs 92:6
Pr 30:2
Ec 3:19

And they must leave to others their means
of maintenance.^t

^a Their inward wish^a is that their houses may
be to time indefinite,^u

Their tabernacles to generation^o after gen-
eration.^v

They have called their landed estates by
their names.^y

^a And yet earthling man,^b though in honor,
cannot keep lodging;^z

He is indeed comparable with the beasts^o
that have been destroyed.^e

^a This is the way of those who have stupidity,^z
And of those coming after them who take
pleasure in their very mouthings.^{da}
Se'lah.

^a Like sheep they have been appointed^e to
She'ol itself;^o

Death itself will shepherd^t them,^{*}
And the upright ones will have them in
subjection in the morning,^o

And their form^g is due to wear away;^a
She'ol rather than a lofty abode is for each
one.^h

^a However, God himself will redeem my soul^o
from the hand of She'ol,^{ek}

For he will receive me.ⁿ *Se'lah.*

^a Do not be afraid because some man gains
riches,^r

Because the glory of his house increases,^s

tPs 39:6
Pr 11:4
Ec 2:18
Jer 17:11
Lu 12:20
uJob 21:9
Ps 17:14
Ps 64:6
oPs 78:4
vEc 1:4
yGe 4:17
1Sa 15:12
2Sa 18:18
zPs 39:5
Jas 1:11
1Pe 1:24
eIsa 18:6
*Ec 3:19
2Pe 2:12
cPs 14:1
Lu 12:20
aJer 44:17
Mt 23:16
bJob 17:13
Job 21:13
Ps 44:11
Isa 38:10
*Job 24:19
Ro 5:14
oPs 30:5
Mal 4:3
Ro 16:20
Heb 2:15
*Job 30:23
uIsa 2:6
Job 7:9
Pr 27:20
cPs 139:8
kPs 16:10
Ps 86:13
Ps 89:48
nPs 23:3
rEs 3:1
Ps 37:7
Pr 28:12
sGe 31:1
Es 5:11

^a "Their inward wish," M; "Their graves," LXXVgSy. ^b "Earthling man," M, *a.dam*. ^c Or, "silenced." ^d Literally, "mouth," M. ^e Literally, "they have appointed [them]," M. Some, by a correction of the Hebrew form of the verb, would make it read, "they will descend (drop)." ^f Or, "pasture (tend)." ^g "Their rock," M^{margin}. ^h Or, "for him," M; that is, each of the group.

^a "Humankind." M, *a.dam*. ^b "Man." M, *ish*. ^c "Supplanters," by a change of vowel-pointing in the Hebrew noun; literally, "heels." M. ^d "One." M, *ish*. ^e M, *kho'pher*; literally, "cover." ^f Or, "himself." ^g "Their," MSy; "his," LXXVg.

- ¹⁷ For at his death he cannot take along anything at all;^c
His glory will not go down along with him himself.^a
- ¹⁸ For during his lifetime he kept blessing his own soul;^v
(And people will laud you because you do well for yourself)^y
- ¹⁹ It^a gradually comes only as far as the generation of his forefathers.^z
Nevermore will they see the light.^{*}
- ²⁰ Earthling man, although in honor, who does not understand,^b
Is indeed comparable with the beasts that have been destroyed.^d

A melody of A'saph.³

- 50** The Divine One,^{*} God, Jehovah,^c has himself spoken^u
And he proceeds to call the earth,^d
From the rising of the sun until its setting.^h
- ² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God himself has beamed forth.^k
- ³ Our God will come and cannot possibly keep silent.^{en}
Before him there devours a fire^r
And all around him it has become exceedingly stormy weather.^s
- ⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth^t

^a "It," in the feminine gender, referring to "soul." ^b "Who does not understand," M. Some, by altering the Hebrew verb form, would make it read, "even does not keep lodging," in harmony with verse 12a. ^c "The Divine One, God, Jehovah." M, *El Eloh'im* 'Yehowah'. Or, "The God of gods, Jehovah." See Joshua 22:22, footnote a. ^d Some, by altering the Hebrew verb form, would make this line read, "And the earth begins (proceeds) to fear." ^e Or, "be deaf," as to prayer.

Job 1:21
Job 27:19
Ec 5:15
Lu 12:20
1Ti 6:17
uEc 9:12
Isa 5:14
Isa 10:3
vDe 29:19
Lu 12:19
yIsa 25:6
Es 3:2
Ac 12:22
zGe 15:15
Job 33:30
Isa 38:11
Mt 8:12
Mt 22:13
Es 5:11
Job 4:21
Ps 49:12
Ps 73:18
Ec 3:19
2Pe 2:12
1Ch 15:17
Jos 22:22
Ps 82:1
Ps 83:1
Ps 118:27
Ps 49:1
Am 8:8
Ps 95:3
Isa 1:2
Mt 25:32
Ps 113:3
Mal 1:11
kDe 33:2
Ps 48:2
Ps 80:1
Hab 3:3
Re 4:5
nPs 48:14
Ps 83:1
Isa 42:13
Isa 65:6
rEx 19:18
Ps 97:3
Heb 12:29
Ps 18:7
Ps 97:4
tDe 4:36
De 30:19
De 32:1

Pr 29:18
uPs 96:13
Ps 98:9
Mic 6:2
Joh 5:22
vDe 33:8
Ps 97:10
Pr 2:8
Isa 13:3
Zec 14:5
1Co 6:2
Re 7:4
vEx 24:8
Mt 26:28
Lu 22:20
Heb 9:15
Heb 12:24
zPs 97:6
Ro 8:33
De 26:17
De 31:19
Ex 20:2
Ps 40:6
Ex 29:42
Isa 55:22
Mic 6:7
Ps 66:15
kGe 1:24
1Ch 29:14
Job 40:15
Ps 104:20
nGe 31:9
Ps 104:14
Jon 4:11
rGe 1:20
Job 38:41
Ps 104:12
Mt 6:26
sPs 80:13
Isa 56:9
tIsa 2:3
2Sa 22:16
Job 37:12
Ps 18:15
Ps 96:13
Na 1:5
uEx 19:5
Ps 24:1
Ps 89:11
vHo 14:2
vPs 16:4
zHeb 13:15
1Pe 2:5
De 23:21
Ps 66:13
Ps 89:29
2Ch 33:12
Lu 22:44

- So as to execute judgment on his people:^{ou}
- ⁵ "Gather to me my men of loving-kindness,^v
"Those concluding^a my covenant^b over sacrifice."^y
- ⁶ And the heavens tell of his righteousness,^z
For God himself is Judge.^c *Se'lah.*
- ⁷ "Do listen, O my people, and I will speak,^d
"O Israel, and I will bear witness against you.^d
- "I am God, your God.^e
- ⁸ "Not concerning your sacrifices do I reprove you,^f
"Nor your whole burnt offerings that were to be in front of me constantly.^g
- ⁹ "I will not take out of your house a bull,^h
"Out of your pens he-goats."ⁱ
- ¹⁰ "For to me belongs every wild animal of the forest,^k
"The beasts upon a thousand mountains.ⁿ
- ¹¹ "I well know every winged creature of the mountains,^r
"And the animal throngs of the open field are with me.^s
- ¹² "If I were hungry I would not say it to you,
"For to me the productive land^t and its fullness belong.^u
- ¹³ "Shall I eat the flesh of powerful [bulls],^v
"And the blood of he-goats shall I drink?^y
- ¹⁴ "Make thanksgiving your sacrifice to God^z
"And pay to the Most High your vows,^c
- ¹⁵ "And call me in the day^o of distress.^d

^a Or, literally, "cutting." M. ^b Or, "the covenant with me." ^c Or, by a different partitioning and vowel-pointing of some letters, "a God of judgment he is." ^d Or, "I will admonish (warn) you." ^e "The productive land." M, *tebēl*; LXX, "the habitable earth"; Vg, *or'bis ter'rae* ("the circle of the earth").

"I shall rescue you, and you will glorify me."^a

¹⁶ But to the wicked one God will have to say.^b

"What right do you have to enumerate my regulations"

"And that you may bear my covenant^a in your mouth?"^c

¹⁷ "Why, you—you have hated discipline"

"And you keep throwing my words behind you."

¹⁸ "Whenever you saw a thief^c you were even pleased^b with him,^k

"And your sharing was with adulterers.^c"

¹⁹ "Your mouth you have let loose to what is bad,"^r

"And your tongue you keep attached to deception."^s

²⁰ "You sit, you speak against your own brother,"^t

"Against the son of your mother you give away a fault."^u

²¹ "These things you have done and I kept silent."^v

"You imagined that I would positively come to be like you."^v

"I am going to reprove you^z and I will set things in order before your eyes."

²² "Understand this, please, you forgetters of God,"^c

"That I may not tear [you] to pieces without there being any deliverer."^a

²³ "The one making thanksgiving his sacrifice is the one that glorifies me,"^g

"And the one keeping a set way is he whom I will cause to see salvation by God."^d

^a "My covenant," as in verse 5. ^b "You were even pleased," M; "you even ran," LXXVgSyT. ^c "God," M, *Elo'ah*. ^d "God," M, *Elo'him*.

4Lu 17:15
1Pe 4:11
4Isa 48:1

*Mt 7:3

*Heb 8:9

*Pr 1:7
Heb 12:6

*Ne 9:26

*Pr 6:30

kIsa 5:23

*Pr 6:32
nJer 5:7

Jas 4:4
rPs 34:13

sPs 10:7
Jas 3:5

tLe 19:16
Pr 10:18

uMt 10:21
vPs 50:3

Ps 109:1
Ec 8:11

Isa 26:10
Ro 2:4

2Pe 3:9
yNu 23:19

Ps 73:11
Ps 94:7

zPr 29:1
Re 3:19

*Ps 90:8
Ec 12:14

Am 8:7
Ps 9:17

Ps 10:4
Isa 51:13

Jer 2:32
Ho 4:6

*2Sa 22:42
Ps 7:2

Isa 42:22
Am 2:14

*Ps 22:23
Ro 12:1

Ga 1:24
*Ps 91:16

Isa 12:2
Isa 45:17

Lu 2:30

To the director. A melody of David.

When Nathan the prophet came in to him after he had had relations with Bath-she'ba.^a

51 Show me favor, O God,^a according to your loving-kindness.^b

According to the abundance of your mercies blot out my transgressions.^c

² Thoroughly wash me from my error,^k And cleanse me even from my sin.ⁿ

³ For my transgressions I myself know,^r And my sin is in front of me constantly.^s

⁴ Against you, you alone, I have sinned,^{ct} And what is bad in your eyes I have done,^u

In order that you may prove to be righteous when you speak,^v

That you may be in the clear when you judge.^y

⁵ Look! with error I was brought forth with birth pains,^z

And in sin my mother^g conceived me.^{*}

⁶ Look! you have taken delight in truthfulness itself in the inward parts,^q

And in secret may you cause me to know wisdom^o itself.^a

⁷ May you purify me from sin with hyssop, that I may be clean;^g

May you wash me, that I may become whiter even than snow.^{*}

⁸ May you cause me to hear exultation and rejoicing,^g

That the bones that you have crushed may be joyful.^{*}

⁹ Conceal your face from my sins,^{*} And blot out even all my errors.^k

¹⁰ Create in me even a pure heart, O God,ⁿ

*2Sa 11:4

*Ex 34:6
Nu 14:18

Ps 25:6
Ps 109:21

Joh 1:17
*Isa 43:25

Isa 44:22
Ac 3:19

kEc 36:25
1Co 6:11

nPs 19:12
Heb 9:14

rPs 32:5
Lu 15:18

sPs 40:12
Isa 59:12

Jer 3:25
tLe 5:19

Lu 15:21
*Ps 106:6

u2Sa 12:9
2Kl 17:17

2Kl 21:6
vPs 50:6

Lu 7:29
Ro 3:4

yAc 17:31
Ro 2:5

zGe 5:3
Ge 8:21

Job 14:4
Ro 6:12

*Ps 139:13
*Job 14:1

Job 15:14
Ps 58:3

Joh 3:6
*Isa 16:7

2Kl 20:3
1Ch 29:17

Lu 11:39
Ro 7:22

*Ps 104:24
*Jer 32:40

1Pe 3:4
*Nu 19:18

Heb 9:19
1Jo 1:7

Re 1:5
*Isa 1:18

Eph 5:27
Re 7:14

*Ps 13:5
Ps 30:11

Mt 5:4
*Ps 6:2

Ps 38:3
*Isa 38:17

kMic 7:19
Ac 3:19

nPs 73:1
Eph 2:10

^a "God," M, *Elo'him*. ^b Or, "loyal love."

- And put within me a new spirit, a steadfast one.^r
- ¹¹ Do not throw me away from before your face,^s
And your holy spirit O do not take away from me.^t
- ¹² Do restore to me the exultation of salvation by you,^u
And may you support me even with a willing spirit.^v
- ¹³ I will teach transgressors your ways,^v
That sinners^o themselves may turn right back to you.^z
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness,^{a*} O God the God of my salvation,^c
That my tongue may joyfully tell about your righteousness.^d
- ¹⁵ O Jehovah,^b may you open these lips of mine,^e
That my own mouth may tell forth your praise.^f
- ¹⁶ For you do not take delight in sacrifice—
otherwise I would give [it];^g
In whole burnt^o offering you do not find pleasure.^h
- ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;ⁱ
A heart broken and crushed, O God, you will not despise.^k
- ¹⁸ In your good will do deal well with Zion;ⁿ
May you build the walls^o of Jerusalem.^{or}
- ¹⁹ In that case you will be delighted with sacrifices of righteousness,^s
With burnt sacrifice and whole offering;^t
In that case bulls will be offered up on your very own altar.^u

rRo 12:2
Col 3:10
s2Ki 13:23
tJoh 14:26
uPs 21:1
vMt 26:41
Ro 7:25
yPs 25:4
Ac 2:38
zPs 104:35
zMt 18:3
Ac 3:19
Ge 9:6
Ps 26:9
Eze 33:8
Ac 18:6
Ac 20:26
Ps 88:1
Re 7:10
Ne 9:33
Ps 35:28
Ro 10:3
Ex 4:11
Eze 3:27
Mr 7:34
Ps 63:3
Heb 13:15
Isa 15:22
Ho 6:6
Isa 1:11
Ps 40:6
Ps 50:8
Jer 7:22
Heb 10:5
2Ki 22:19
Mt 5:3
Lu 18:13
k2Ch 33:12
Lu 7:44
Lu 15:22
Ps 55:10
Ps 122:3
nPs 102:16
Isa 62:1
rNe 2:17
Isa 58:12
Mic 7:11
sMal 3:3
Eph 5:2
tRo 12:1
uHeb 13:10

- To the director. Mas'kil.^a Of David, when Do'eg the E'dom-ite came and proceeded to tell Saul and say to him that David had come to the house of A-him'e-lech.^v
- v1Sa 22:9
- yGe 10:8
1Sa 22:7
- zPs 103:17
1Jo 4:9
ePr 6:17
- *Ps 57:4
Ps 59:7
Pr 12:18
cPs 109:2
2Co 11:13
- *Jer 4:22
Mic 3:2
Ro 1:25
2Ti 3:4
cPs 62:4
Jer 9:3
Joh 8:44
Re 22:15
1Sa 22:18
eJas 3:6
*Ps 55:23
Pr 12:19
Re 21:8
*Ps 37:9
- kPs 27:13
Ps 116:9
Pr 2:22
Isa 38:11
nPs 40:3
Ps 119:120
rPs 58:10
Isa 37:22
- sPs 146:3
- tPs 49:6
1Ti 6:17
uEc 8:8
Re 11:18
cIsa 17:6
vPs 1:3
Jer 11:16
Ro 11:24
*Ps 13:5
Ps 33:18
Ps 147:11
- 52** Why do you make your boast over what is bad, O you mighty one?^v
The loving-kindness^b of God^c is all day long.^z
- ² Ruinous things your tongue^o schemes up, sharpened like a razor,^{*}
Working deceitfully.^d
- ³ You have loved what is bad more than what is good,^a
Falsehood more than speaking righteousness.^h *Se'lah.*
- ⁴ You have loved all devouring words,ⁱ
O you deceitful tongue.^e
- ⁵ God^c himself will also pull you down forever;^f
He will knock you down and tear you away from [your] tent,^g
And he will certainly root you out of the land of the living ones.^k *Se'lah.*
- ⁶ And the righteous ones will see [it] and will be afraid,ⁿ
And over him they will laugh.^r
- ⁷ Here is the able-bodied man that does not put God as his fortress,^s
But that trusts in the abundance of his riches,^t
That takes shelter in his ruinous things.^u
- ⁸ But I shall be like a luxuriant olive^o tree in God's house;^v
I do trust in the loving-kindness^b of God to time indefinite, even forever.^{*}

^a Literally, "bloods," M. ^b "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT; *A-do-nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read *A-do-nay'* instead of *Y'hwah*.

^a See Psalm 32, superscription, footnote a. ^b Or, "loyal love," M. ^c "God," M, *El*. ^d Or, "Ruinous things you scheme, your tongue being sharpened like a razor, O you worker of deceit." ^e Literally, "tongue of deception," M.

⁹ I will laud you to time indefinite, for you have taken action;^a

And I shall hope in your name, because it is good, in front of your men of loving-kindness.^a

To the director over Ma'ha-lath.^a Mas'kil. Of David.

53 The senseless one has said in his heart:
"There is no Jehovah."^b

They have acted ruinously and have acted detestably in unrighteousness;^a
There is no one doing good.^a

² As for God, he has looked down from heaven itself upon the sons of men,^a

To see whether there exists anyone having insight,^c anyone seeking Jehovah.^b

³ They have all of them turned aside, they are alike corrupt;^a

There is no one doing good,^r
Not even one.

⁴ Have none of the practicers of what is hurtful got knowledge,^s

Eating up my people as they have eaten bread?^t

They have not called even upon Jehovah.^{du}

⁵ There they were filled with a great dread,^{ev}
Where there had proved to be no dread;^y

For God himself will certainly scatter the bones of anyone camping against you.^z

^cPs 145:1
Ps 146:2
Isa 45:11

^aPs 27:14
Ps 40:1
Ps 54:6
Ps 62:1
Ps 123:2
Ps 130:5
Pr 18:10

^bPs 88: Sup
Ps 10:4
Ps 14:1
Ps 92:6
Ro 1:21
Ge 6:11

^cLe 18:30
De 32:5
Ro 3:10
Ps 11:4
Ps 33:14
Ps 102:19
Jer 16:17
Jer 23:24
kDe 4:6
1Ch 28:9
Job 28:28
Ps 27:8
Ps 111:10
Isa 55:6
n2Sa 20:2
Ps 14:3
Isa 53:6
Jer 8:6
rEc 7:20
Mt 19:17
Ro 3:12
sPs 94:8
Jer 4:22
tPs 27:2
Jer 10:25
uJob 21:14
Mal 3:14
vDe 28:67
Isa 14:15
Ps 14:5
yLe 26:17
Le 26:36
Pr 28:1
zJer 25:33
Eze 6:5

^a M, *ma-ha-lath*. Seemingly a technical musical term, the meaning of which is as yet undiscovered, but likely giving the name to the song tune. ^b See Psalm 14:1, footnote c; Psalm 14:2, footnote e. ^c "Having insight." M, *mas'kil*; compare the like word in the superscription. ^d "Jehovah," many Hebrew manuscripts, and see Psalm 14:1, footnote c; "the name of Jehovah," T; "God," MLXXVgSy. ^e Literally, "they dreaded a dread," M.

You will certainly put [them] to shame,
for Jehovah^a himself has rejected them.^a

⁶ O that out of Zion there were the grand salvation of Israel!^o

When Jehovah^b returns with^c the captive ones of his people,^a

Let Jacob be joyful, let Israel rejoice.^o

To the director on stringed instruments. Mas'kil.^d
Of David. When the Ziph'ites came in and proceeded to say to Saul: "Is not David concealing himself with us?"^e

54 O God, by your name^o save me,^o
And with your mightiness may you plead my cause.^a

² O God, hear my prayer,^a

Do give ear to the sayings of my mouth.^k

³ For there are strangers^o that have risen up against me,ⁿ

And tyrants that do seek my soul.^r

They have not set God in front of them.^s
Se'lah.

⁴ Look! God is my helper;^t

Jehovah^e is among those supporting my soul.

⁵ He will repay the bad to my foes;^u

In your truthness^f silence them.^v

⁶ In willingness I will sacrifice^o to you.^y

I shall laud your name, O Jehovah, for it is good.^z

^aPs 35:4
Ps 40:14
Ps 53:18
Jer 6:30

^bPs 14:7
Ps 85:1
Ps 126:1
Isa 14:32
Jer 30:18
Jer 31:23
Joe 3:1
Am 9:14
Ezr 3:11
Ne 12:43
Isa 12:6
Isa 23:19
Ps 20:1
Ps 79:9
Ps 18:10
Ps 72:17
Ps 43:1
Pr 23:11
Jer 50:34
Ps 5:1
Ps 13:3
Ps 54:8
Pr 15:29
kPs 55:1
Ps 130:2
Ps 81:9
nJob 19:15
rPs 22:16
Mt 27:20
sPs 36:1
Joh 16:3
t1Ch 12:18
Ps 118:6
Ps 118:13
Isa 41:10
Ro 8:31
Heb 13:6
uPs 137:8
Ro 12:19
2Ti 4:14
Re 18:6
vPs 143:12
Ps 66:13
Ps 107:22
Ps 116:17
Heb 13:15
Isa 57:7
zPs 7:17
Ps 21:13
Ps 92:1

^a "Jehovah." See Psalm 14:1, footnote c; "Meim'ra of Jehovah," T. ^b "Jehovah," LXXSy and many Hebrew manuscripts, and see Psalm 14:1, footnote c; "Meim'ra of Jehovah," T; "God," MVg. ^c Or, "as respects." ^d See the superscription of Psalm 32, footnote a. ^e "Jehovah," SyT; *A.do.nay*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay* in place of *Y'ho.wah*. ^f Or, "By your truth."

For out of every distress he delivered me,^{*}
And upon my enemies my eye has looked.[□]

To the director on stringed instruments. Mas'kil.^a
Of David.

55 Do give ear, O God, to my prayer,[△]
And do not hide yourself from my
request for favor.[◊]

[□] Do pay attention to me and answer me.^{*}
I am driven restlessly about by my concern,[◊]

And I cannot but show disquietude,

[□] Due to the voice of the enemy, because of the
pressure of the wicked one.[□]
For they keep dropping upon me what is
hurtful^k

And in anger they harbor animosity against
me.ⁿ

[□] My very heart is in severe pain within me,^r
And the horrors of death itself have fallen
upon me.^s

[◊] Fear, yes, trembling itself enters into me,^t
And shuddering covers me.

[□] And I keep saying: "O that I had wings as a
dove has!

"I would fly away and reside."^u

[□] "Look! I would go far away in flight;^v

"I would lodge in the wilderness."^y—*Se'lah*—

[□] "I would hasten to a place of escape for me
"From the rushing wind,^b from the tem-
pest."^z

[□] Confuse, O Jehovah,^c divide their tongue,^{*}

^a See the superscription of Psalm 32, footnote a. ^b Or, according to another derivation of the participle, "From the calumniating wind." ^c "Jehovah." LXXVgSyT; *A.do.nay*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text from *Y'ho.wah* to *A.do.nay*.

*1Sa 26:24
Ps 34:19
2Ti 4:18
□Ps 37:34
Ps 59:10

△Ps 5:1
Ps 80:1
Ps 84:8
1Pe 3:12
□Ps 143:7
*Ps 17:1

□Ge 27:40

*Ps 12:5
Ps 54:3
Ps 73:8
k2Sa 15:3
2Sa 16:7
Ps 35:11
nMt 26:59

rPs 68:3
Mt 26:38
Mr 14:34
2Co 1:8
sIsa 38:10
Heb 5:7
tJob 6:4
Job 23:15
Ps 119:120
Lu 22:44

uPs 11:1
Ps 139:9
Re 12:14
v1Sa 27:1
2Sa 15:14
Pr 6:5
y1Sa 23:14
Jer 9:2
zPs 18:4
Isa 17:13
*Ge 11:9
2Sa 15:31
2Sa 17:7
Ac 23:7

□Jer 23:14

cIsa 2:15
*Ac 9:24
□2Sa 16:21
Eze 9:4
Zep 3:3
*Eze 22:4
Ac 7:51
□Ps 109:2
Isa 59:7
Jer 9:5
Mt 26:4
*Ps 41:9

*Ps 35:26
Ps 38:16
Joh 13:18

kJoh 18:2
n2Sa 16:23
rJob 19:13
Mt 26:23
Mr 14:45
Lu 22:21
s2Sa 3:3
2Sa 14:33
Mt 10:4
tPs 42:4
Ps 122:1
Eze 33:31
uPs 59:13
Ps 69:25
Ps 109:15
vNu 16:30
2Sa 17:23
2Sa 18:9
2Sa 18:14
Mt 27:5
y2Sa 13:28
Joh 12:6
zPs 73:28
Lu 6:12
*Ps 50:15
Ps 91:15
□Ps 90:6

□Ps 119:62
Ps 119:147
Da 6:10
Mr 1:35
1Th 5:17
△Heb 5:7

□2Sa 18:28
2Sa 22:1
*2Ch 32:7
Ps 3:6
Ps 118:12
Mt 26:47

For I have seen violence and strife in the
city.[□]

¹⁰ Day and night they go round about it upon
its walls,^{□a}

And hurtfulness and trouble are within it.[◊]

¹¹ Ruinous things are within it,^{*}
And from its public square oppression and
deception have not moved away.[◊]

¹² For it was not an enemy that proceeded to
reproach me;^a

Otherwise I could put up with it.

It was not an intense hater of me that as-
sumed great airs against me;^{*}

Otherwise I could conceal myself from
him.^k

¹³ But it was you, a mortal man who was as my
equal,ⁿ

One familiar to me and my acquaintance,^r

¹⁴ Because we used to enjoy sweet intimacy to-
gether;^s

Into the house of God we used to walk with
the throng.^t

¹⁵ Desolations [be] upon them!^u

Let them go down into She'ol alive,^v

For during their temporary residence bad
things have been within them.^y

¹⁶ As for me, to God I shall call out,^z
And Jehovah himself will save me.^{*}

¹⁷ Evening[◊] and morning and noontime I cannot
but complain and I moan,[□]

And he hears my voice.^a

¹⁸ He will certainly redeem [and put] my soul
in peace from the fight that is against
me,[◊]

For in multitudes they have come to be
against me.^{*}

- ¹⁹ God^a will hear and answer them,^a
Even He that is sitting [enthroned] as in
the past—*Se'lah*—
Those with whom there are no changings^b
And who have not feared God.^k
- ²⁰ He has thrust out his hands against those at
peace with him;ⁿ
He has profaned his covenant.^t
- ²¹ Smoother than butter are [the words of] his
mouth,^{cs}
But his heart is disposed to fight.^d
His words are softer than oil,^t
But they are drawn swords.^u
- ²² Throw your burden^e upon Jehovah himself,^e
And he himself will sustain you.^o
Never will he allow the righteous one to
totter.^a
- ²³ But you yourself, O God, will bring them down
to the well^o of the pit.^o
As for bloodguilty and deceitful men,^f they
will not live out half^o their days.⁺
But as for me, I shall trust in you.^o

To the director on the Silent Dove among those
far away.^h Of David. Mik'tam.ⁱ When the
Philistines laid hold of him in Gath.^m

56 Show me favor, O God, for mortal man
has snapped at me.^a
Warring all day long, he keeps oppressing
me.

^a "God." M, El. ^b Or, "vicissitudes"; or, "mutual liabilities." The Hebrew expression is peculiar. ^c By a correction of M. ^d Literally, "is fight (war)." M. ^e Or, "lot" (that which is given). ^f Literally, "men of bloods and deception." M. ^g Literally, "will not halve," M. ^h Or, "Dove of the big trees far away," by a slight correction of M, which appears to read, "Dove of Silence, those far away."
ⁱ See the superscription of Psalm 16, footnote a.

^oPs 143:12
1Th 2:16
⁺Ps 90:2
Jer 10:10
⁺Ec 8:11
kPs 36:1
Zep 1:12
n1Sa 22:17
1Sa 24:10
2Sa 15:14
Ps 109:5
Ac 12:1
r2Sa 5:3
2Sa 15:10
s2Sa 15:3
Ps 28:3
Mt 26:25
tLu 20:21
uPr 5:4
Pr 12:18
⁺Ps 27:14
Ps 37:5
Isa 59:10
Mt 6:31
Lu 12:22
Php 4:6
1Pe 5:7
^oPs 63:8
Mt 11:28
APs 16:8
Ps 37:24
Ps 121:3
Joh 10:29
^oPr 5:15
^oPs 9:15
Ps 55:15
⁺2Sa 3:27
1Kl 2:6
Pr 10:27
Mt 27:5
^oPs 56:11
Ps 115:11
m1Sa 21:11
1Sa 29:4
⁺Ps 27:2
Ps 31:9
Ps 57:3
Ps 124:2
Pr 1:12

- ² My foes have kept snapping all day long,
For there are many warring against me
high-mindedly.^a
- ³ Whatever day I get afraid, I for my part shall
trust even in you.^k
- ⁴ In union with God I shall praise his word.ⁿ
In God I have put my trust; I shall not be
afraid.^r
What can flesh do to me?^a
- ⁵ All day long they keep grieving my own
affairs;^t
All their thoughts are against me for bad.^u
- ⁶ They attack, they keep hiding,^v
They themselves keep observing my very
steps.^{ay}
While they have waited for my soul.^z
- ⁷ On account of [their] hurtfulness cast them
forth.^{*}
In anger bring down even the peoples, O
God.^o
- ⁸ My being a fugitive you yourself have re-
counted.^a
Do put my tears in your skin bottle.^o
Are they not in your record?^o
- ⁹ Then is when my enemies will turn back, on
the day that I call;^o
This I well know, that God is for me.⁺
- ¹⁰ In union with God I shall praise [his] word;
In union with Jehovah I shall praise [his]
word.^{*}
- ¹¹ In God I have put my trust. I shall not be
afraid.^k
What can earthling man^b do to me?ⁿ
- ¹² Upon me, O God, are vows to you.^r

^a Literally, "heels," M. ^b "Earthling man." M, a-dam'.

I shall render expressions of thanksgiving to you.^a

¹³ For you have delivered my soul^a from death.^t Are not my feet far from stumbling, That [I] may walk about before God^b in the light^c of those alive?^u

To the director. "Do not bring to ruin." Of David. Mik'tam.^d When he ran away because of Saul, into the cave.^m

57 Show me favor, O God, show me favor,^v For in you my soul has taken refuge,^y And in the shadow of your wings I take refuge until the ruinous things pass over.^z

^a I call to God the Most High, to God^e who is bringing [them] to an end on my account.^{*}

^a He will send from heaven and save me.^o He will certainly confuse the one snapping at me.[^] *Se'lah.*

God will send his loving-kindness^f and his trueness.^g

^a My soul is in the middle of lions;^{*} I cannot but lie down among devourers, [even] the sons of men,^h Whose teeth are spears and arrows^{*} And whose tongue is a sharp sword.^o

^a O be exalted above the heavens, O God;^k Let your glory be above all the earth.ⁿ

^a A net they have prepared for my steps;^r My soul has become bowed down.^s They excavated before me a pitfall;

sPs 59:17
Isa 12:1

tAc 2:24
2Co 1:10

uPs 116:9
Joh 8:12

m1Sa 22:1
1Sa 24:3
1Sa 24:8

Ps 142:1
vPs 119:77
yPs 9:10

Ps 125:1
zRu 2:12
Ps 17:8

Ps 36:7
Ps 61:4
Ps 63:7

Mt 24:22
*Ps 83:18
Mt 24:22

Ac 7:48
cPs 18:6
Ac 12:11

*Ps 56:1
vPs 40:11
Ps 43:3

Ps 61:7
Joh 1:17
*Ps 10:9

Ps 17:12
Ps 22:13
Ps 35:17

Da 6:22
*Mr 12:40
*Pr 30:14

*Ps 52:2
Ps 55:21
Ps 64:3

Pr 25:18
cPs 149:6
kPs 57:11

Ps 108:5
Mt 6:9
nPs 72:19

Ps 148:13
Isa 6:3
Hab 3:3

r1Sa 23:26
Ps 35:7
sPs 42:6

Mt 26:38

tPs 9:15

uPs 108:1
Ps 112:7

v1Ch 16:23
Ps 145:7
yPs 16:9

Ps 30:12

*Ps 108:2

oPs 22:22
Ps 138:1
Ps 145:12

*Ps 18:49
Ps 96:3
Ro 15:9

*Ps 36:5
Ps 71:19
Ps 89:1

Ps 103:11
Isa 54:10
*Ps 85:10

*Ps 108:4
Heb 6:18
oPs 8:1

Ps 57:5
*Ps 8:9
Lu 2:14

*De 16:18
2Sa 23:3
Ps 72:2

Isa 11:4
Isa 32:1
kPs 82:2

Mt 27:1
nPs 21:11
Isa 59:4

Jer 22:17
Mic 3:9
rEze 22:12

Joh 11:53

oPs 110:3
sPr 22:15
Isa 48:8

Eph 2:3

They have fallen into the midst of it.^t *Se'lah.*

^r My heart is steadfast, O God,^u My heart is steadfast.

I will sing and make melody.^v

^s Do awake, O my glory;^y

Do awake, O stringed instrument; you too, O harp.^{*}

I will awaken the dawn.

^o I shall laud you among the peoples, O Jehovah;^a

I shall make melody to you among the national groups.[^]

¹⁰ For your loving-kindness^b is great up to the heavens^o

And your trueness^c up to the skies.^{*}

¹¹ Do be exalted above the heavens, O God;^o

Let your glory be above all the earth.^{*}

To the director. "Do not bring to ruin." Of David. Mik'tam.^d

58 Can you really [in YOUR] silence speak about righteousness itself?^h

Can you judge in uprightness itself, O you sons of men?^{ek}

^a How much, rather, do you with the heart practice unrighteousness itself in the earth,ⁿ [And] prepare the road for the very violence of YOUR hands!^r

^a The wicked ones have been perverts from the womb;^{cs}

They have wandered about from the belly onward;

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgT; "God," Sy; *A.do.nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* instead of *Y'ho.veh'*. ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c Or, "truth." M, *em.eth'*. ^d Compare the superscription of Psalm 16, footnote a. ^e Or, "earthling man." M, *a.dam'*.

^a "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-che'*; Vg, *a'ni.ma.* ^b "God," MLXXVgSy; "Jehovah," T. ^c "Light," MLXXVgT; "land," Sy. ^d See the superscription of Psalm 16, footnote a. ^e "God." M, *El*. ^f Or, "loyal love." ^g Or, "truth." ^h Or, "earthling man." M, *a.dam'*.

They are speaking lies.^t

⁴ The venom of theirs is like the venom of the serpent,^{ou}

Deaf like the cobra that stops up its ear,

⁵ That will not listen to the voice of charmers,^v
Though someone wise is binding with spells.^{av}

⁶ O God, break away their teeth in their mouth.^z
Break down the very jawbones of maned young lions, O Jehovah.^{*}

⁷ May they dissolve as into waters that go their way;^o

May he tread his arrows as they collapse.

⁸ Like a snail melting away he walks;^{ba}
Like a miscarriage of a woman^o they will certainly not behold the sun.^o

⁹ Before YOUR pots feel the [kindled] bramble,^{*}
The live green as well as the burning, he will carry them off as a stormy wind.^o

^a On verses 4, 5 note the following report: "Dr. David I. Macht, research pharmacologist of the Mount Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, is one of the world's leading authorities on cobra snake venom. (Cobra venom is an accepted medication, in blood disorders, for instance.) Dr. Macht reported that in working with cobras and cobra venom he became acquainted with a number of Hindu physicians, well educated, and from different parts of India. All agreed that cobras respond to some musical tones, from musical pipes or flutes. Some forms of music excite the animals more than other forms, the physicians reported. Indian children, playing in the dark in the countryside, are even warned not to sing lest their sounds attract cobras, he said. Dr. Macht commented that Shakespeare, who repeatedly referred to serpents as deaf . . . merely repeated a common misunderstanding. On the other hand Dr. Macht said, the psalmist was right who implied conversely, in Psalm 58, Verse 5, that serpents can hear: . . . Contrary to the claims of some naturalists, Dr. Macht said, snakes are 'charmed' by sounds, not by movements of the charmer. Revise the textbooks, the physicians recommended."—New York Times, January 10, 1954, Sec. 4, page 9, under "Are Snakes 'Charmed' by Music?" ^b Or, "leaving a slimy track."

tJoh 8:44
Re 21:8

oPs 140:3
uJob 20:16
Ps 140:3
Mt 23:33
Ro 3:13
Jas 3:8
vEc 10:11
Jer 3:17
yDe 18:11
Isa 19:3
zPs 3:7

*Nu 23:24
Job 4:10
Job 29:17
-Jos 7:5
Ps 22:14
Ps 112:10

oJas 1:10

oPr 2:16
oJob 3:16
Ec 6:3
*Ec 7:6
oPr 1:27
Pr 10:25
Isa 17:13
Isa 40:24
Jer 23:19

¹⁰ The righteous one will rejoice because he has beheld the vengeance.^{*}

His steps he will bathe in the blood of the wicked one.^{*}

¹¹ And mankind will say: "Surely there is fruitage^o for the righteous one.^k
"Surely there exists a God that is judging^a in the earth."ⁿ

To the director. "Do not bring to ruin." Of David. Mik'tam.^b When Saul sent, and they proceeded to watch the house, to put him to death.^m

59 Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;^r
From those rising up against me may you protect me.^s

² Deliver me from the practicers of what is hurtful,^t

And from bloodguilty men save me.^u

³ For, look! they have lain in wait for my soul;^v
Strong ones make an attack upon me,^v
For no transgression on my part, nor any sin on my part, O Jehovah.^z

⁴ Though there is no error, they run and get themselves ready.^{*}

Do rouse yourself to my calling and see.^o

⁵ And you, O Jehovah God of armies, are the God of Israel.^a

Do wake up to turn your attention to all the nations.^o

Do not show favor to any hurtful traitors.^{*}
Se'lah.

*Ps 64:10
Ps 68:3
Ps 107:42
Pr 11:10
Re 11:17
Re 18:20
*Ps 68:23
Re 14:20
*Ps 104:13
kIsa 3:10
Ro 2:6
Ro 6:22
nPs 9:16
Ps 67:4
Ps 96:13
Mal 2:17
Heb 10:30
Heb 12:23
mIsa 19:11

rIsa 19:2
Ps 7:1
Ps 18:48
Ps 71:4
Lu 1:74
2Ti 4:18
sPs 12:5
Ps 20:1
Ps 91:14
tPr 10:29
uPs 26:9
Ps 55:23
Ps 139:19
Jer 2:34
Re 18:24
vIsa 19:1
Ps 10:9
Ps 56:6
Ac 23:21
*Ps 2:2
Ac 4:27
zIsa 24:11
Isa 26:18
Ps 69:4
Joh 15:25
*Isa 19:11
Pr 1:16
Ro 3:15
-Ps 35:23
*Ex 3:15
Ro 3:29
*Ps 2:8
-Ps 18:25
Pr 2:22
Pr 13:2
Isa 27:11

^a "That is judging." M, *sho.phetim*; this Hebrew participle is in the plural number to agree with *El.o.him*' ("God"), which is also in the plural number (of excellence and grandeur). But LXXVgSy put the participle in the singular number and make the expression read: "That is judging them." ^b Compare the superscription of Psalm 16, footnote a.

⁶ They keep returning at eveningtime;^a
They keep barking like a dog^o and go all
around the city.*

⁷ Look! they let loose with their mouth;^a
Swords are on their lips,^k
For who is listening?ⁿ

⁸ But you yourself, O Jehovah, will laugh at
them;^r
You will hold all the nations in derision.^s

⁹ I will keep watch even on you, my Strength,^{at}
For God is my secure height.^u

¹⁰ The God of loving-kindness^b to me^c will him-
self confront me;^v
God himself will cause me to look upon my
foes.^y

¹¹ Do not kill them, that my people may not for-
get.*
By your vital energy make them wander
about,^z
And bring them down, O our shield Jeho-
vah,^{da}

¹² [For] the sin of their mouth, the word of
their lips;^q
And may they be caught in their pride,^a
Even for the cursing and the lying that
they rehearse.^o

¹³ Bring [them] to an end in rage,*
Bring [them] to an end, that they may not
be,^a
And may they know that God is ruling in
Jacob to the ends of the earth.^k *Se'lah.*

^a "My Strength," LXXVgT and many Hebrew manuscripts; "his (one's) strength," M. ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c "To me," T and marginal reading of M, and many Hebrew manuscripts. ^d "Jehovah," LXX-VgSyT; *A.do.nay'*, M; one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* in place of *Y'ho.wah'*.

©1Sa 19:11

©Pr 26:11

*Ps 59:14

#Pr 15:2

Mt 12:34

kPs 55:21

Ps 57:4

Ps 64:3

Pr 12:18

nJob 22:13

Ps 10:11

Ps 13:11

r1Sa 19:16

Ps 2:4

Ps 37:13

Pr 2:26

sPs 33:10

tPs 18:1

Ps 27:1

Ps 46:1

Isa 12:2

uPs 9:9

Ps 62:2

vPs 79:8

Eph 2:4

y1Sa 26:10

Ps 54:5

*Jg 1:6

Ec 9:5

Re 9:6

Ge 4:12

Eze 12:15

*Job 40:12

Lu 1:52

†Mt 12:36

Mt 27:25

-Pr 6:2

©Lu 23:5

*Nu 32:13

*Nu 14:35

De 7:23

k1Sa 17:46

1Ki 18:36

Ps 83:18

Ps 135:6

Isa 54:5

Mt 24:31

¹⁴ And let them return at eveningtime;
Let them bark like a dog and go all around
the city.ⁿ

¹⁵ Let those very ones wander about for some-
thing to eat;^r
Let them not be satisfied or stay overnight.^s

¹⁶ But as for me, I shall sing of your strength,^t
And in the morning I shall joyfully tell
about your loving-kindness.^{au}

For you have proved to be a secure height
for me^v
And a place to which to flee in the day of
my distress.^y

¹⁷ O my Strength, to you I will make melody,^z
For God is my secure height, the God of
loving-kindness^a to me.*

To the director on The Lily of Reminder. Mik'tam.^b
Of David. For teaching. When he engaged in a
struggle with A'ram-na-ha-ra'im and A'ram-Zo'bah,
and Jo'ab proceeded to return and strike down
E'dom in the Valley of Salt, even twelve thousand.^q

60 O God, you have rejected us, you have
broken through us,^a

You have become incensed. You should
restore us.^q

² You have caused the earth to quake, you have
split it open.*

Heal^o its breaches, for it has tottered.^o

³ You have caused your people to see hardship.*
You have made us drink wine^o sending us
reeling.^q

⁴ You have given to those fearing you a signal^k

nPs 22:16
Ps 59:6

rJob 15:23

Ps 109:10

Isa 8:21

Mt 24:7

sMic 6:14

tEx 15:6

Ps 21:13

Ps 106:8

Ps 145:11

u1Sa 19:11

Ps 31:7

Ps 36:5

Ps 86:13

Ps 89:1

Ps 101:1

Ps 143:8

Eph 1:6

v1Sa 17:37

Ps 61:3

2Co 1:10

yJer 30:7

zPs 18:1

Ps 46:1

Ps 59:9

Isa 12:2

*Ps 59:10

o2Sa 8:13

1Ch 18:3

*1Sa 4:10

Ps 44:9

Ps 74:1

Ps 89:38

oPs 90:13

Zec 10:6

*2Sa 22:8

Job 9:6

Ps 104:32

Jer 4:24

o1Sa 30:26

Ho 6:1

*Ne 9:32

Da 9:12

oPs 103:3

*Isa 51:17

Isa 51:22

Eze 23:31

oPs 75:8

kIsa 13:2

Isa 49:22

Isa 62:10

Jer 50:2

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Compare the superscription of Psalm 16, footnote a.

To flee zigzag^a on account of the bow. *Se'lah*.

⁵ In order that your beloved ones may be rescued,ⁿ

O do save with your right hand and answer us.^{br}

⁶ God himself has spoken in his holiness:^s

"I will exult, I will give out *She'chem*^c as a portion,^t

"And the low plain of *Suc'coth* I shall measure off.^u

⁷ "Gil'e.ad^o belongs to me and Ma-nas'seh^v belongs to me,^v

"And E'phra'im^c is the fortress of my head one;^v

"Judah^c is my commander's staff.^z

⁸ "Mo'ab^b is my washing pot.^{*}

"Over E'dom I shall throw my sandal.⁼

"Over Phi-lis'ti-a I shall shout in triumph."^c

⁹ Who will bring me to the besieged city?^q

Who will certainly lead me as far as E'dom?^o

¹⁰ Is it not you, O God, who have rejected us?

And who do not go forth with our armies as God?^s

¹¹ Do give us help from distress,^{*}

As salvation by earthling man is worthless.⁼

¹² By God we shall gain vital energy,^k

And he himself will tread down our adversaries.ⁿ

To the director on stringed instruments. Of David.

61 Do hear, O God, my entreating cry.^r
Do pay attention to my prayer.^s

^a "To run zigzag," according to one derivation of the verb; others, by a different derivation, would read, "For it to be displayed"; or, "To rally around." ^b "Us," M; "me," LXXVgSyT, the marginal reading of M and many Hebrew manuscripts. ^c According to Sy; T reads: "Over the Phi-lis'tines the congregation of Israel jubilates."

nPs 108:6

rPs 20:6
Isa 41:10

sPs 108:7

oJer 41:5

tGe 12:6
Jos 1:6

uJos 13:27

oCa 4:1

pPs 80:2

vJos 17:1

oPs 78:67

yDe 33:17

1Ch 5:1

zGe 49:10

oPs 76:1

oIsa 11:14

1Ch 18:2

Ps 108:9

oNu 24:18

2Sa 8:14

2Sa 8:1

oJg 1:24

1Ch 11:6

oIsa 63:1

*Ps 108:11

Isa 8:17

oDe 1:42

De 20:4

Isa 4:7

*Ps 25:22

#Ps 146:3

kJos 1:9

2Sa 10:12

Ps 108:13

Ps 118:15

nPs 44:5

Isa 10:6

Isa 63:3

Zec 10:5

Re 19:15

rPs 5:2

Ps 28:2

Ps 130:2

sPs 17:1

Ps 55:1

Ps 130:2

Php 4:6

tDe 4:29

1Ki 8:48

Ps 55:5

Jon 2:2

uPs 18:46

Ps 27:5

Ps 40:2

vPs 14:6

Ps 46:1

yPs 18:2

Pr 18:10

zPs 91:1

Re 3:12

*Ps 63:7

Ps 91:4

Mt 23:37

oJg 11:30

1Sa 1:11

Ec 5:4

oMal 3:16

Ac 15:14

oPs 21:4

Ps 72:17

Isa 53:10

-Ps 89:36

Isa 9:7

oHeb 7:25

*Pr 20:28

Isa 11:4

Mic 7:20

*Ps 146:2

kPs 65:1

Ec 5:4

nIsa 41:1

Hab 2:20

1Ti 2:11

rPs 3:8

Ps 37:39

Ps 68:19

Isa 12:2

Lu 2:30

sPs 59:17

Ps 62:6

Isa 26:4

tPs 37:24

Mic 7:8

2Co 4:9

u1Sa 24:11

Ps 21:11

Ps 38:12

oPr 22:13

² From the extremity of the earth I shall cry, even to you, when my heart grows feeble.^t

Onto a rock that is higher than I am may you lead me.^u

³ For you have proved to be a refuge for me,^v
A strong tower because of the enemy.^v

⁴ I will be a guest in your tent for times indefinite;^z

I will take refuge in the concealment of your wings.^{*} *Se'lah*.

⁵ For you yourself, O God, have listened to my vows.⁼

You have given [me] the possession of those fearing your name.[^]

⁶ Days you will add to the days of the king;^q
His years will be like generation after generation.⁺

⁷ He will dwell to time indefinite before God;^o
O assign loving-kindness^a and truthness,^b
that these may safeguard him.^{*}

⁸ So I will make melody to your name forever,⁺
That I may pay my vows day after day.^k

To the director of Je.du'thun.^c A melody of David.

62 Indeed toward God is my soul keeping silent.^{dn}

From him my salvation is.^r

² Indeed he is my rock and my salvation, my secure height;^s

I shall not be made to totter very much.^t

³ How long will you carry on frantically against the man whom you would murder?^{=u}

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Or, "truth." ^c See the superscription of Psalm 39, footnote b. ^d "Keeping silent," by a slight vowel-repointing of M. Literally, "silence," M.

All of you are like a leaning wall, a stone fence that is being pushed in.^v

* Indeed they give advice so as to allure from one's own dignity;^v

They take pleasure in a lie.^z

With their mouth they bless, but inside themselves they call down evil.* *Se'lah.*

* Indeed toward God keep silent, O my soul,^z For from him is my hope.^a

* Indeed he is my rock and my salvation, my secure height;^o

I shall not be made to totter.*

† Upon God are my salvation and my glory.* My strong rock, my refuge is in God.*

* Trust in him at all times, O people.*

Before him pour out YOUR heart.

God is a refuge for us.ⁿ *Se'lah.*

* Indeed the sons of earthling man^a are an exhalation,^r

The sons of mankind^b are a lie.^s

When laid upon the scales they are all together lighter than an exhalation.^t

¹⁰ Do not put YOUR trust in defrauding,^u

Nor become vain in sheer robbery.^v

In case the means of maintenance should thrive, do not set YOUR heart [on them].^y

¹¹ Once God has spoken, twice I have heard even this,^z

That strength belongs to God.*

¹² Also loving-kindness^c belongs to you, O Jehovah,^d

v1Sa 26:10
Ps 73:18
Isa 30:13

yGe 49:3
De 13:6
zPs 52:3
Pr 6:17
Pr 13:5
Ho 7:3
Joh 8:44
Re 22:15

*Ps 55:21
Lu 11:39
Lu 20:20
□Ps 62:1
Hab 2:20

*Ro 5:5
Ro 15:13
Tit 1:2
□Ps 62:2
Isa 45:17

*Ps 16:8
Ps 112:6
□Ps 3:3
Jer 3:23
1Co 1:31

*Isa 26:4
*Isa 50:10
nHeb 6:18
rPs 39:5
Ps 39:11
Ps 144:4

*Isa 18:21
Ro 3:4
tIsa 40:15
Da 5:27
uPs 139:134

Ec 7:7
Isa 30:12
Eze 22:29
vIsa 61:3
yDe 6:11
De 6:12

Job 31:24
Mr 8:36
Lu 12:15
1Ti 6:17
zJob 33:14

*Ps 29:11
Ps 46:1
Ps 59:16
Ps 63:2
Ps 77:14

□Ex 34:6
Ps 86:15
Ps 103:8
Ps 103:17

For you yourself pay back to each one^a according to his work.^a

A melody of David, when he happened to be in the wilderness of Judah.^m

63 O God,^b you are my God,^c I keep looking for you.^o

My soul does thirst for you.^r

For you my flesh^o has grown faint [with longing]^o

In a land dry and exhausted, where there is no water.^s

² Thus I have beheld you in the holy place,^t At seeing your strength and your glory.^k

³ Because your loving-kindness^d is better than life,ⁿ

My own lips will commend you.^r

⁴ Thus I shall bless you during my lifetime;^s In your name I shall raise my palms.^t

⁵ As with the best part, even fatness, my soul is satisfied,^u

And with lips of joyful cries my mouth offers praise.^v

⁶ When I have remembered you upon my bed,^y During the night watches I meditate on you half-aloud.^z

⁷ For you have proved to be a help to me,^z And in the shadow of your wings I cry out joyfully.^o

⁸ My soul has closely followed you;^a On me your right hand keeps fast hold.^o

⁹ As for those who keep seeking my soul for [its] ruin,^r

ΔJob 34:11
Ro 2:6
2Co 5:10
1Pe 1:17

m1Sa 22:5
1Sa 23:14
□Ex 15:2
Zec 13:9
Joh 20:17
*Ps 143:6
Joh 7:37
Re 7:17
□Pr 4:22

□Ps 102:4

*Isa 32:2
Isa 35:7
*Ps 77:13
Ps 134:1
Isa 6:1
kPs 96:6

nPs 30:5
Ps 36:7
Jer 31:3
rPs 30:12
Ps 66:17
Ho 14:2
Heb 13:15

sPs 104:33
Ps 145:2
Ps 146:2
t1Ki 8:22
Ps 134:2

uPs 36:8
Isa 25:6
Jer 31:14
vPs 43:4
Ps 118:15
Ps 135:3

Re 19:6
yPs 42:8
Ps 119:55
Ps 119:148
z1Sa 1:13
1Sa 17:37

□Ps 46:1
Ps 54:4
□Ps 5:11
Ps 57:1
Ps 61:4
ΔPs 143:6

Isa 26:9
Mt 11:12
□Isa 41:10
*Isa 25:29
Ps 35:4
Ps 40:14

^a "Earthling man." M, *a-dam'*. ^b "Mankind." M, *ish*. ^c Or, "loyal love." ^d "Jehovah," LXXVgSy; "God," T; *A-do-nay'*, M; one of the 134 places in the primitive Hebrew text where *Y'ho-wah'* was changed to *A-do-nay'* by the Jewish Sopherim.

^a "Each one." Or, "a man." M, *ish*. ^b "God." M, *El-o-him'*. ^c "God." M, *El*. ^d Or, "loyal love."

They will come into the lowest parts^a of the earth.^o

¹⁰ They will be delivered over to the power of the sword;^{*}

They will become a mere portion for foxes.^{*}

¹¹ And the king himself will rejoice in God.^k

Every one swearing by him will boast,ⁿ

For the mouth of those speaking falsehood will be stopped up.^r

To the director. A melody of David.

64 Hear, O God, my voice in my concern.^s
From the dreadfulness of the enemy may you safeguard my life.^t

² May you conceal me from the confidential talk of evildoers,^u

From the tumult of practitioners of hurtfulness,^v

³ Who have sharpened their tongue just like a sword,^y

Who have aimed their arrow, bitter speech,^z

⁴ To shoot from concealed places at someone of integrity.^{c*}

All of a sudden they shoot at him and do not fear.^q

⁵ They hold themselves down to bad speech,^a
They make statements about hiding traps.^o

They have said: "Who sees them?"^{b*}

⁶ They keep searching out unrighteous things,^o
They have hidden a shrewd device well

searched out,

And the inward part of each one, even [his] heart, is deep.^{*}

oNu 16:30
Isa 14:9
Eze 32:18
1Sa 26:10
Jer 18:21
Jer 25:31
*Jg 15:4
Eze 39:4
kPs 21:1
nDe 6:13
Isa 65:16
rPs 31:18
Ro 3:19
sPs 27:7
Ps 55:1
Ps 130:2
Ps 141:1
Ps 143:1
La 3:56
tPs 31:15
Ps 34:4
Ps 56:4
Ac 18:10
u1Sa 23:23
2Sa 17:2
Ps 56:6
Mt 26:4
Ac 23:15
vPs 2:1
Lu 23:21
yPs 57:4
Pr 12:18
Pr 30:14
zPs 11:2
Isa 54:17
Jer 9:3
*Ps 10:8
1Pe 2:22
ePr 29:10
q1Sa 18:11
1Sa 19:10
2Sa 15:14
aEph 4:31
Col 3:8
oPs 106:36
ePs 124:7
Ps 140:5
Ps 150:11
Ps 50:7
Ps 94:7
Eze 8:12
s1Sa 22:9
Da 6:4
Mt 26:59
*Ps 5:9
Isa 29:15
1Co 4:5

^a "Lowest parts." In Sy the same word is here used as at 2 Peter 2:4 in Sy. See 2 Peter 2:4, footnote c. ^b "Them," MLXXVgT; "us," Sy.

⁷ But God will shoot at them with an arrow suddenly.^{*}

Wounds have resulted to them,^k

⁸ And they cause one to stumble.ⁿ

[But] their tongue is against their own selves.^r

All those looking upon them will shake their head,

⁹ And all earthing men will become afraid,^s

And they will tell of the activity of God^t

And they will certainly have insight into his work.^u

¹⁰ And the righteous^o one will rejoice in Jehovah and will indeed take refuge in him,^v

And all the upright in heart will boast.^y

To the director. A melody of David. A song.

65 For you praise is keeping silent, O God, in Zion,^z

And to you the vow will be paid.^{*}

² O Hearer of prayer, even to you people of all flesh will come.^q

³ Things of error have proved mightier than I am.^a

As for our transgressions, you yourself will cover them.^o

⁴ Happy^o is the one you choose and cause to approach,^{*}

That he may reside in your courtyards.^o

He will certainly be satisfied with the goodness of your house,^{*}

The holy place of your temple.^{*}

⁵ With fear-inspiring things in righteousness you will answer us,^k

O God of our salvation,ⁿ

The Trust of all the borders of the earth and those far away on the sea.^r

*De 32:23
Ps 7:12
1Th 5:3
k1Ch 10:3
nMal 2:8
Ro 14:21
rPr 18:7
Lu 19:22
sNu 16:34
Re 11:13
Re 18:10
tPs 145:4
Ps 145:6
Ps 145:12
Isa 43:10
uPs 107:43
Ho 14:9
ePs 146:8
vPs 32:11
Ps 33:1
Ps 40:3
Ps 68:3
Php 4:4
y1Co 1:31
Ga 6:14
zPs 62:1
Ps 76:2
Re 14:1
*Ps 56:12
Ps 76:11
Ec 5:4
c1Sa 65:24
Isa 66:23
Ac 10:31
1Jo 5:14
aRo 7:23
Ga 5:17
ePs 79:9
Isa 1:18
Joh 1:29
Heb 9:14
oPs 84:4
*Ps 78:70
Ps 84:4
Ps 135:4
ePs 27:4
Ps 84:10
*Ps 17:15
Ps 36:8
Ps 63:5
Re 7:16
*Ps 138:2
1Co 3:17
kDe 10:21
Ps 66:3
Re 15:3
Re 16:5
nPs 3:8
rPs 22:27
Isa 45:22
Eph 2:17

- ⁶ He is firmly establishing the mountains with his power;^s
He is indeed girded with mightiness.^t
- ⁷ He is stilling the noise of the seas,^u
The noise of their waves and the turmoil of the national groups.^v
- ⁸ And the inhabitants of the uttermost parts will be afraid of your signs;^y
The goings forth of the morning and evening you cause to cry out joyfully.^z
- ⁹ You have turned your attention to the earth, that you may give it abundance;^{*}
You enrich it very much.
The stream from God is full of water.[□]
You prepare their grain,[▲]
For that is the way you prepare the earth.[▲]
- ¹⁰ There is a drenching of its furrows, a leveling off of its clods;
With copious showers you soften it; you bless its very growth.[†]
- ¹¹ You have crowned the year[°] with^b your goodness,^{*}
And your very tracks drip with fatness.[°]
- ¹² The pasture grounds of the wilderness keep dripping,^{*}
And with joyfulness the very hills[°] gird themselves.^{*}
- ¹³ The pastures have become clothed with flocks,^{°k}
And the low plains themselves are enveloped with grain.[°]
They shout in triumph, yes, they sing.^{*}

^sMic 6:2
^{Hab} 3:6
^tPs 93:1
^{Isa} 51:9
^uPs 89:9
^{Ps} 107:29
^{Mt} 8:26
^vPs 2:1
^{Isa} 17:13
^{Re} 21:1
^yPs 2:8
^{Ps} 48:5
^{Ps} 135:9
^{Mt} 24:30
^zJob 38:12
^{Ps} 19:5
^{Ps} 148:3
^{*De} 11:12
^{Job} 37:6
^{Ps} 68:9
^{Ps} 104:14
^{Ps} 147:8
^{Jer} 14:22
^{Ac} 14:17
^{Ps} 46:4
^{Re} 22:1
^{▲Ge} 26:12
^{Ps} 104:15
^{Ps} 107:37

[†]Ps 147:8

[°]Ps 90:4

[°]Ps 5:12

[°]Ps 103:4

[°]Pr 14:18

[°]Ps 36:8

[°]Mal 3:10

[°]Ro 11:17

[°]Job 38:26

[°]Ps 104:10

[°]Ps 72:3

[°]Isa 55:12

[°]kJer 6:3

[°]Jer 33:12

[°]Pr 27:23

[°]nJoe 2:24

[°]Zec 9:17

[°]Ps 96:11

[°]Ps 98:7

[°]Isa 35:1

[°]Isa 52:9

To the director. A song, a melody.

- 66** Shout in triumph to God, all [you people of] the earth.^{as}
- ² Make melody to the glory of his name.^t
Render his praise glorious.^u
- ³ Say to God: "How fear-inspiring your works are!"^v
"Because of the abundance of your strength your enemies will come cringing to you."^y
- ⁴ "All [people of] the earth^b will bow down to you."^z
"And they will make melody to you, they will make melody to your name."[°] *Se'lah.*
- ⁵ Come you and see the activities of God.[□]
His dealing with the sons of men^c is fear-inspiring.[†]
- ⁶ He has changed the sea into dry land;[†]
Through the river they went crossing over on foot.
There we began to rejoice in him.[°]
- ⁷ He is ruling by his mightiness to time indefinite.^{*}
Upon the nations his own eyes keep watch.^{*}
As for those who are stubborn, let them not show exultation against him.^k *Se'lah.*
- ⁸ Bless our God, O you peoples,ⁿ
And cause the voice of praise to him to be heard.^r
- ⁹ He is setting our soul^d in life,^{es}
And he has not allowed our foot to totter.^t
- ¹⁰ For you have examined us, O God;^u
You have refined us as when refining silver.^v

^s1Ch 16:23
^{Ps} 81:1
^{Ps} 95:1
^{Ps} 96:1
^{Ps} 98:4
^{Ps} 100:1
^{Ps} 117:1
^tPs 47:6
^{Ps} 105:2
^{Ps} 107:22
^{Isa} 12:5
^uNe 9:5
^{Ps} 96:8
^vEx 15:16
^{Ps} 76:12
^{Isa} 2:19
^{Isa} 64:3
^yPs 18:44
^{Ps} 81:15
^zPs 22:27
^{Ps} 67:3
^{Isa} 2:3
^{Da} 7:14
^{Mal} 1:11
^{*Isa} 42:10
^{°Nu} 23:23
^{De} 32:4
^{Ps} 126:3
[†]Ps 66:3
[†]Ex 14:22
^{Ps} 78:13
^{Ps} 106:9
[°]Ex 15:1

^{*Da} 4:34

^{*2Ch} 16:9

[°]Ps 33:13

^kPs 75:4

^{Isa} 37:29

ⁿDe 32:43

^rRe 19:1

^sIsa 25:29

^{Col} 3:3

^tIsa 2:9

^{Ps} 62:6

^{Ps} 94:18

^{Ps} 112:6

^uDe 8:2

^{Ps} 17:3

^vPr 17:3

^{Zec} 13:9

^{Mal} 3:3

^{1Pe} 1:7

^a "All [you people of] the earth." Literally, "O all the earth," M. But the Hebrew verb with which it is associated is in the plural number. Compare 1 Kings 10:24, footnote a. ^b Compare verse 1, footnote a. ^c "Men." M, *a.dam'*. ^d "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psyche*; Vg, *a.ni.ma.* ^e Or, "among the living ones."

^a "The earth." Literally, "it," M; in the feminine gender, referring to the earth. ^b "With." Literally, "of," M.

- ¹¹ You have brought us into a hunting net;^v
You have put pressure on our hips.^z
- ¹² You have made mortal man to ride over our head;^{*}
We have come through fire and through water;[□]
And you proceeded to bring us forth to relief.^Δ
- ¹³ I shall come into your house with whole burnt offerings;[†]
I shall pay to you my vows[□]
- ¹⁴ That my lips have opened up to say[□]
And that my mouth has spoken when I was in sore straits.^{*}
- ¹⁵ Whole burnt offerings of fatlings I shall offer up to you;^{*}
With the sacrificial smoke[□] of rams.^{□k}
I shall render up a bull with he-goats.^u
Se'lah.
- ¹⁶ Come, listen, all you who fear God, and I will relate^r
What he has done for my soul.
- ¹⁷ To him I called with my mouth^s
And there was an extolling with my tongue.^t
- ¹⁸ If I have regarded anything hurtful in my heart,^u
Jehovah^a will not hear [me].^v
- ¹⁹ Truly God has heard,^y
He has paid attention to the voice of my prayer.^m
- ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not turned aside my prayer,
Nor his loving-kindness^b from me.^z

^a "Jehovah." LXXVgSyT and a number of Hebrew manuscripts; *A.do.nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* instead of *Y'ho.wah'*. ^b Or, "loyal love."

vJob 19:6
Ho 7:12
zDe 33:11

*Isa 51:23

□Isa 43:2
1Th 3:3

ΔEx 8:15

□Ps 51:19
Heb 13:15

□Pr 7:14
-Ps 22:25

Ps 56:12
Ps 116:14

Ec 5:4
-Nu 30:2

Jg 11:35
Ge 28:20

Ge 35:3
1Sa 1:11

2Sa 22:7
□Ps 141:2

□Ps 114:4
*2Sa 6:13

kLe 5:15
Le 9:2

nLe 4:23
Le 16:15

rPs 34:11
Ps 71:18

Mal 3:16
1Jo 1:3

sPs 30:8
Ps 34:3

Ps 116:1
tPs 145:1

Ho 14:2
uPr 4:23

vJob 27:9
Pr 15:29

Pr 21:13
Joh 9:31

Jas 4:3
yPs 6:3

Ps 34:6
Ps 116:1

La 3:56
mHeb 5:7

z2Sa 7:15
Ps 51:11

Ps 86:13

*Ps 28:9
2Co 13:14

Eph 1:3
□Nu 6:25

Ps 4:6
Ps 31:16

Ps 80:3
Ps 119:135

ΔEx 9:16
Ac 18:25

Ro 9:17
□Ps 98:2

Isa 49:6
Lu 2:30

*Ps 45:17
Ps 74:21

Isa 38:19
□Ps 67:5

*De 32:43
Isa 42:10

Ro 15:10
*Ps 9:8

Ps 96:10
Ps 98:9

Ro 2:5
kIsa 55:4

nPs 45:17
Isa 38:19

rPs 67:3
sLe 26:4

1Co 3:9
tGe 17:7

Jer 51:33
uRe 15:4

*Nu 10:35
2Ch 6:41

Ps 7:6
□Ps 59:11

Isa 33:3
Eze 12:14

□Ps 132:18
ΔEx 20:5

De 7:10
Ps 21:8

Ps 139:21
†Ps 37:20

Isa 9:18
Ho 13:3

□Ps 102:3
*Ps 97:5

Mic 1:4
□Ps 80:16

Isa 64:2
Na 1:6

Re 6:16
*De 12:12

Ps 100:1
1Th 5:16

*2Sa 22:47
kPs 43:4

nEx 3:14
Ex 6:3

Ps 67:4
□Ps 105:2

To the director on stringed instruments. A melody, a song.

67 God himself will show us favor and bless us;^{*}

He will make his face shine upon us[□]—
Se'lah—

² That your way may be known in the earth,^Δ
Your salvation even among all the nations.[□]

³ Let peoples laud you, O God;^{*}
Let the peoples, all of them, laud you.[□]

⁴ Let national groups rejoice and cry out joyfully,^{*}

For you will judge the peoples with uprightness^{*}

And, as for national groups in the earth,
you will lead them.^k *Se'lah.*

⁵ Let peoples laud you, O God;ⁿ
Let peoples, all of them, laud you.^r

⁶ The earth itself will certainly give its produce;^s
God, our God, will bless us.^t

⁷ God will bless us,
And all the ends of the earth will fear him.^u

To the director. Of David. A melody, a song.

68 Let God arise,^{*} let his enemies[□] be scattered,[□]

And let those who intensely hate him flee
because of him.^Δ

² As smoke[□] is driven away, may you drive
[them] away;[†]

As wax melts because of the fire,^{*}
Let the wicked ones perish because of God.[□]

³ But as for the righteous, let them rejoice,^{*}
Let them be elated before God,[□]

And let them exult with rejoicing.^k

⁴ Sing[□] you to God, make melody to his name;ⁿ

Raise up [a song] to the One riding through
the desert plains^r

As Jah,^a which is his name, and jubilate
before him;^s

^a A father of fatherless^c boys and a judge of
widows^t

Is God in his holy dwelling.^u

^c God is causing the solitary ones to dwell in^b a
house;^v

He is bringing forth prisoners into full
prosperity.^y

However, as for the stubborn, they have to
reside in a scorched land.^z

^r O God, when you went forth before your
people,^{*}

When you marched through the desert[□]—
Se'lah—

^s The earth itself rocked,[△]
Heaven[°] itself also dripped because of God;^δ

This Si'nai[°] [rocked] because of God,^{*} the
God of Israel.^ε

[°] A copious downpour you began causing to fall,
O God;^{*}

Your possession, even when it was weary—
you yourself reinvigorated it.^{*}

¹⁰ Your tent community^k—they have dwelt in
it;

With your goodness you proceeded to
make it ready for the afflicted one,
O God.ⁿ

rDe 33:26
Ps 18:10
Ps 77:11

sPs 66:4

tPs 109:9

uDe 10:18

Isa 1:23

Lu 18:3

u2Ch 6:2

Ps 33:14

Ac 7:48

v1Sa 2:5

Ga 4:27

yIsa 61:1

zDe 28:23

Ho 2:3

*Ex 13:21

Jg 5:5

Hab 3:3

Ps 77:18

Ps 114:7

Hab 3:6

Heb 12:26

Re 11:19

Ps 144:5

Ex 16:1

Jg 5:4

Isa 64:1

Ex 19:18

De 5:24

Ps 41:13

Isa 45:3

De 11:11

Ps 65:9

De 11:12

kNu 2:34

2Sa 23:13

nDe 26:5

Lu 1:53

^a "Jah." M, *Yah*; this is the first half of the divine tetragrammaton YHWH and is unanimously recognized by the old schools to stand for the fuller form *Y'ho-wah'*, in its twenty-two occurrences in the Hebrew text. It is distinguished by a point (*mappik*) in its second letter. See Exodus 15: 2, footnote b. "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT.
^b "Causing the solitary ones to dwell in," M. Or, by a slight correction in the Hebrew verb, "bringing back the solitary ones to."

rJg 4:6
Ps 40:3

sEx 15:20

Jg 5:1

Ps 96:2

Mt 24:14

tEx 14:25

Nu 31:8

Jos 12:7

Jg 5:19

Re 6:15

uNu 31:27

1Sa 30:24

vJg 5:16

yPs 74:19

zPs 105:37

Ps 91:1

Nu 21:3

Jos 10:10

Jg 2:7

Jer 2:3

Re 19:19

Isa 2:13

Ps 51:7

Isa 1:18

ΔJg 9:48

Ps 78:69

Isa 2:3

De 3:10

Mic 7:14

Ps 114:6

Isa 2:2

Ps 132:13

De 12:5

1Ki 9:3

Heb 12:22

Re 21:3

kDe 33:2

2Ki 2:11

2Ki 6:17

Ps 18:10

Dn 7:10

Mt 26:53

Re 5:11

Re 9:16

¹¹ Jehovah^a himself gives the saying;^r

The women telling the good news are a
large army.^s

¹² Even the kings of armies flee, they flee.^t

As for her who abides at home, she shares
in the spoil.^u

¹³ Although you men kept lying between the
[camp] ash heaps,^u

There will be the wings of a dove covered
with silver^y

And its pinions with yellowish-green gold.^z

¹⁴ When the Almighty^c One^d scattered^e abroad
the kings in it,^f

It began to snow[□] in Zal'mon.[△]

¹⁵ The mountainous region^ε of Ba'shan^h is a
mountain of God;ⁱ

The mountainous region^ε of Ba'shan is a
mountain of peaks.^{*}

¹⁶ Why do you, O you mountains of peaks, keep
watching enviously[°]

The mountain that God has desired for him
to dwell in?^{*}

Even Jehovah himself will reside [there]
forever.^{*}

¹⁷ The war chariots of God are in tens of
thousands, thousands over and over
again.^k

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT; *A.do-nay'*, M; one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do-nay'* instead of *Y'ho-wah'*. ^b Or, "saddlebags"; or, "sheepfolds." The meaning of the Hebrew word is not certain. ^c "Gold." M, *hha-ruts'*. ^d "The Almighty One." M, *Shad-da'i*. ^e Or, "spread." ^f "It," in the feminine gender, referring to the land. ^g Or, "The mountain." M, *har*. ^h "Ba'shan," M. However, the enlargement of this verse (15) by T does not agree with the name "Ba'shan" here. ⁱ "God." M, *Elo-him'*.

- Jehovah^a himself has come from Si'nai^b into the sanctuary.ⁿ
- ¹⁸ You have ascended on high;^r
You have carried away captives;^{os}
You have taken gifts^e in the form of men,^{et}
Yes, even the stubborn ones,^u to reside
[among them],^v O Jah^d God.^e
- ¹⁹ Blessed be Jehovah,^a who daily carries the
load for us,^y
The [true] God^f of our salvation.^{oz} *Se'lah.*
- ²⁰ The [true] God^f is for us a God^g of saving
acts,^{*}
And to Jehovah^c the Sovereign^q Lord^h be-
long the ways outⁱ from death.⁴
- ²¹ Indeed God himself will break the head of his
enemies in pieces,^o
The hairy crown of the head of anyone
walking about in his guiltiness.[~]
- ²² Jehovah^j has said: "From Ba'shan I shall
bring back,^o
"I shall bring [them] back from^k the depths
of the sea,^{*}
- ²³ "In order that you may washⁱ your foot in
blood,^{3#}

^a "Jehovah," VgSy; *A.do.nay'*, M; one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* in place of *Y'ho.wah'*. ^b "Jehovah himself has come from Si'nai," according to the primitive orthography of the Hebrew text. In M the words have been divided to read: "*A.do.nay'* is among them, at Si'nai, in the sanctuary," in agreement with LXXVgSy. ^c Literally, "in men [M, *a.dam'*]." ^d "Jah." See verse 4, footnote a. ^e "God." M, *E.lo.him'*. ^f "The [true] God." M, *ha-El*. See Psalm 18:32, footnote a. ^g "God." M, *El*. ^h "Jehovah the Sovereign Lord." M, *Y'ho.wih' A.do.nay'*. Compare Genesis 15:2, footnotes e, f. ⁱ Or, "escapes." ^j "Jehovah." See verse 11, footnote a. ^k "From." MSy; "through," LXXVgT. ^l "Wash," by a correction of M, to correspond with LXXVgSy.

- "That the tongue of your dogs may have
its portion from the enemies."^k
- ²⁴ They have seen your processions, O God,ⁿ
The processions of my God,^a my King, into
the sanctuary.^r
- ²⁵ The singers went in front, the players on
stringed instruments after them,^s
In between were the maidens beating tam-
bourines.^t
- ²⁶ In congregated throngs^b bless you God,^u
Jehovah, [O you who are] from the Source
of Israel.^v
- ²⁷ There is little Benjamin^o subduing them,^y
The princes^c of Judah with their shouting
crowd,^z
The princes of Zeb'u-lun,^p the princes of
Naph'ta-li.^{3*}
- ²⁸ Your God has laid command upon your
strength.^q
Do show strength, O God, you who have
acted for us.⁴
- ²⁹ Because of your temple at Jerusalem,^o
Kings will bring gifts to you yourself.^{*}
- ³⁰ Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, the assem-
bly of bulls,^c
With the calves of the peoples, each one
stamping down on pieces of silver.^{*}
He has scattered^d the peoples that take de-
light in fights.[#]
- ³¹ Bronzeware things^e will come out of Egypt;^k
Cush^f itself will quickly stretch out its
hands [with gifts] to God.ⁿ

^a "God." M, *El*. ^b "In ec.cle.sia.s," LXXVg. ^c Literally, "powerful ones," M. ^d "He has scattered," MT; "Scatter," LXXVgSy. ^e "Bronzeware things." M, *hhash.man.nim'*; LXXVgSy, "Ambassadors." The Hebrew word is of uncertain meaning. ^f "Cush," MSy; "E.thi.o'pia," LXXVg.

³² O you kingdoms^o of the earth, sing to God,^r
Make melody to Jehovah^{as}—*Se'lah*—

³³ To the One riding on the ancient heaven of
heavens.^t

Lo! he sounds with his voice, a strong
voice.^u

³⁴ ASCRIBE strength to God.^v

Over Israel his eminence is and his strength
is in the clouds.^y

³⁵ God is fear-inspiring out of your grand sanc-
tuary.^{bz}

The God of Israel^c he is, giving strength,
even might to the people.*

Blessed be God.^z

To the director on The Lilies.^{da} Of David.

69 Save me, O God, for the waters have
come clear to the soul.^e

² I have sunk down in the mire of the abyss
where there is no standing ground.^f

I have come into deep waters,^g

And a flowing stream^f itself has washed
me away.*

³ I have become tired by my calling out;^h

My throat has become hoarse.^k

My eyes have failed while waiting for my
God.ⁿ

⁴ Those hating me without a cause have become
even more than the hairs of my head.^r

^a "Jehovah," SyT; *A.do.nay'*, M; one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* instead of *Y'ho.wah'*. ^b "Grand sanctuary." Literally, "sanctuaries," M. ^c "The God [*El*] of Israel," as in LXXVgSy(T); or, "To Israel." ^d See the superscription of Psalm 45, footnote f. ^e Or, "life." M, *neph'esh*; SyT, *naph'sha*; LXX, *psy-chē'*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*. ^f "Flowing stream." M, *shib-bo'leth*.

³ Isa 9:7
^r De 32:43
Ps 100:1
Re 15:4
^s Ps 67:5
Ps 117:1
^t Ps 18:10
Ps 102:25

^u Ps 77:18
Joh 12:28
Re 11:12
^v Ch 16:28

^y De 33:26

^z De 7:21
Ne 1:5
Ps 47:2
Heb 12:21
^{*} Ps 29:11
Isa 40:31
Zec 10:12
Php 4:13
³ Ps 72:18
⁴ Ps 45 Sup
Ps 60 Sup
Ps 80 Sup

⁵ Ps 18:4
Isa 43:2
La 3:54
Jon 2:3
Re 12:15
⁶ Ps 40:2
Jer 38:6
⁷ Eze 27:26

⁸ Ps 32:6
Mt 7:25
⁹ Ps 6:6
Ps 22:2
Heb 5:7
^k Ps 22:15
Joh 19:28
ⁿ De 28:32
Ps 25:21
^r Ps 119:123
Ps 40:12
Joh 15:25
1Pe 2:22

Those bringing me to silence, being my ene-
mies for no reason, have become nu-
merous.^s

What I had not taken by robbery I then
proceeded to give back.^t

⁵ O God, you yourself have come to know my
foolishness,^u

And from you my own guiltiness^o has not
been hidden.^v

⁶ O may those hoping in you not be ashamed
because of me,^y

O Sovereign^z Lord Jehovah^a of armies.*

O may those seeking you not be humiliated
because of me,^z

O God of Israel.^a

⁷ For on your account I have borne reproach,^z
Humiliation has covered my face.*

⁸ I have become one estranged to my brothers,^z
And a foreigner^o to the sons of my mother.*

⁹ For sheer zeal for your house^o has eaten^p me
up,^z

And the very reproaches^o of those re-
proaching you have fallen upon me.^k

¹⁰ And I proceeded to weep^o with the fasting of
my soul,ⁿ

But it came to be for reproaches to me.^r

¹¹ When I proceeded to make sackcloth my
clothing,^s

Then I came to be to them a proverbial^o
saying.^t

¹² Those sitting in the gate began concerning
themselves about me,^u

And [I was] the subject of the songs of
drinkers of intoxicating liquor.^v

^s Ps 35:12
Ps 38:19
Ps 109:3

^t Isa 53:5
2Co 5:21
1Pe 2:24

^u Ps 17:3
Ps 44:20
^o Am 8:14
^v Ps 38:9

Jer 16:17
^y Ps 25:3
Isa 49:23
^z Ps 35:23

Ac 4:24
^{*} Ex 12:41
1Ch 17:24

Ps 24:10
³ Ro 14:15
1Co 8:12
⁴ 2Sa 23:3

Ps 72:18
Ac 13:17
⁵ Ps 22:6

Ps 44:22
Jer 15:15
⁶ Isa 53:3

Mt 26:67
Lu 23:11
⁷ Pr 5:10

⁸ Ps 127:1
^p Ps 78:25
⁹ Mt 26:56

¹⁰ Ps 119:22
¹¹ 1Sa 17:28
Mt 10:21

Joh 7:5
¹² 1Sa 30:19
¹³ 1Kl 19:10

Mr 11:15
Joh 2:17
kRo 15:3

ⁿ Ps 109:24
Lu 7:33
^r Ps 102:8

³ Isa 14:4
^s Ps 35:13
Isa 20:2

^t De 28:37
Ps 44:14
^u De 16:18

Lu 23:2
^v Ps 35:15
Da 5:4
Mr 15:17

^a "Sovereign Lord Jehovah." M, *A.do.nay'* *Y'ho.wih'*. See Psalm 68:20, footnote h. Compare Genesis 15:2, footnotes e, f.

- ¹³ But as for me, my prayer was to you, O Jehovah.^y
At an acceptable time, O God.^z
In the abundance of your loving-kindness^a
answer me with the truth of salvation
by you.*
- ¹⁴ Deliver me from the mire, that I may not sink
down.^z
O may I be delivered from those hating
me^a and from the deep waters.^o
- ¹⁵ O may not the flowing stream of waters wash
me away,^{*}
Nor the abyss swallow me up,^{*}
Nor the well close its mouth over me.*
- ¹⁶ Answer me, O Jehovah, for your loving-
kindness^a is good.^z
According to the multitude of your mercies
turn to me,^k
- ¹⁷ And do not conceal your face from your
servant.ⁿ
Because I am in sore straits, answer me
quickly.^r
- ¹⁸ Do come near to my soul, reclaim it;^s
On account of my enemies redeem me.^t
- ¹⁹ You yourself have come to know my reproach
and my shame and my humiliation.^u
All those showing hostility to me are in
front of you.^v
- ²⁰ Reproach itself has broken my heart and [the
wound] is incurable.^y
And I kept hoping for someone to sym-
pathize but there was none,^z
And for comforters but I found none.*

yMt 26:36
Heb 5:7
z2Co 6:2

*Ps 40:10
Ro 15:8

oPs 40:2
Jer 38:10

aPs 25:19
Lu 19:14

Ac 5:30
Ps 42:7

Mr 14:34
Mr 15:34

*Isa 43:2
Mt 12:40

*Ro 10:7
*Ps 16:10

Ac 2:24
Ac 2:31

*Ps 36:7
Ps 63:3

kPs 25:16
Ps 51:1

Mic 7:19

nPs 13:1
Ps 27:9

Mt 27:46

rPs 40:13
Mt 26:37

sJob 6:23
Ps 31:5

tDe 32:27
Jos 7:9

uPs 22:6
Isa 53:3

Heb 12:2
1Pe 2:23

vJob 8:49

yPs 42:10
Mt 26:38

Joh 12:27

zPs 142:4
Joh 16:32

*Job 16:2
Mt 26:56

- ²¹ But for food^a they proceeded to give [me]
a poisonous plant,^b
And for my thirst they tried to make me
drink vinegar.^c
- ²² Let their table^o before them become a trap,^o
And what is for their welfare a snare.^{*}
- ²³ Let their eyes become darkened so as not to
see,^o
And cause their very hips to wobble con-
stantly.^{*}
- ²⁴ Pour out upon them your denunciation,^{*}
And may your own burning anger overtake
them.^k
- ²⁵ Let their walled camp become desolate;ⁿ
In their tents may there come to be no
dweller.^r
- ²⁶ For the one whom you yourself have struck
they have pursued,^s
And the pains of those pierced by you they
keep recounting.^t
- ²⁷ Do give error upon their error,^u
And may they not come into your right-
eousness.^v
- ²⁸ Let them be blotted out of the book of the
living ones,^y
And with the righteous ones may they not
be written in.^z
- ²⁹ But I am afflicted and aching.^{*}
May your own salvation, O God, protect
me.^z
- ³⁰ I will praise the name of God with song,^a
And I will magnify him with thanksgiving.^o
- ³¹ This will also be more pleasing to Jehovah
than a bull,^{*}

^a Or, "bread of consolation." ^b Or, "But into the bread of consolation they proceeded to put poison." ^c Or, "book of life."

^a Or, "loyal love."

Than a young bull displaying horns, splitting the hoof.^a

³² The meek ones will certainly see [it]; they will rejoice.^x

You who are seeking God, let YOUR heart also keep alive.^a

³³ For Jehovah is listening to the poor ones,^k And he will indeed not despise his very own prisoners.^{a,n}

³⁴ Let heaven and earth praise him,^r The seas and everything moving about in them.^s

³⁵ For God himself will save Zion^t And will build the cities of Judah,^u And they will certainly dwell there and take possession of it.^{b,v}

³⁶ And the offspring^c of his servants themselves will inherit it,^{b,y} And those loving his name will be the ones to reside in it.^{b,z}

To the director. Of David, to bring to remembrance.^{d*}

70 O God, to deliver me,^q O Jehovah, to my help do make haste.^a

² May those be ashamed and abashed who are seeking my soul.^{e,q}

May those turn back and be humiliated who are taking delight in my calamity.^r

³ May those go back by reason of their shame who are saying: "Aha, aha!"^q

⁴ May those exult and rejoice in you, all of whom are seeking you,^x

^a Or, "those of his who are prisoners." ^b "It," in the feminine gender, referring to the land. ^c Literally, "seed," M. ^d Compare the superscription of Psalm 38. ^e Or, "life." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psyche*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*.

^aHo 14:2
Heb 13:15
1Pe 2:5
^xPs 25:9
Ps 34:2
Ps 37:11
Isa 61:1
Joh 16:22
ⁿPs 22:26
Isa 55:7
Mt 5:8
Mt 22:37
^kPs 10:17
Ps 34:6
Ps 102:17
Isa 66:2
Lu 4:18
ⁿPs 107:10
Ps 146:7
Zec 9:11
Ac 5:19
Ac 12:7
Eph 3:1
Re 2:10
^rPs 96:11
Isa 49:13
Re 7:12
^sGe 1:20
^tPs 51:18
Ps 102:13
Isa 14:32
Re 14:1
^uJos 15:21
Ps 48:11
Eze 38:35
vJer 33:11
yIsa 61:9
Isa 66:22
Mt 5:5
Mt 25:34
zPs 91:14
Jas 1:12
Re 7:15
²Sa 17:1
^qPs 40:13
^aPs 71:12
²Sa 17:2
Ps 6:10
^rPs 35:4
Isa 28:13
Joh 18:6
^ePs 35:21
Ps 40:15
Eze 25:3
Eze 26:2
Eze 36:2
^xPs 5:11
Ps 97:12
Isa 61:10
La 3:25

And may they say constantly: "God^a be magnified!"—those loving your salvation.^a

⁵ But I am afflicted and poor.^k O God, do act quickly for me.ⁿ You are my help and the Provider of escape for me.^r O Jehovah, do not be too late.^s

71 In you, O Jehovah, I have taken refuge.^t O may I never be ashamed.^u

² In your righteousness may you deliver me and provide me with escape.^v

Incline to me your ear and save me.^y Become to me a rock fortress into which to enter always.^z

You must command to save me,^a For you are my crag and my stronghold.^q

⁴ O my God, provide me with escape from the hand of the wicked one,^a From the palm of the one acting unjustly and oppressively.^q

⁵ For you are my hope,^a O Sovereign^q Lord Jehovah,^{b,q} my confidence from my youth.^x

⁶ Upon you I have supported myself from the belly;^a

You are the One severing me even from the inward parts of my mother.^k

In you my praise is constantly.ⁿ

⁷ I have become just like a wonder^o to many people,^r

But you are my strong refuge.^s

^aPs 35:27
Ps 40:16
Lu 1:46
^k2Sa 17:29
Ps 40:17
Ps 109:22
ⁿPs 141:1
^rPs 69:29
^sPs 13:1
Heb 10:37
^t2Ki 18:5
1Ch 5:20
Ps 31:1
^uIsa 45:17
Jer 17:18
Ro 9:33
^v2Sa 18:7
2Sa 19:2
1Co 10:13
^yPs 34:15
Ps 116:2
zPs 31:3
Pr 18:10
^aPs 44:4
Re 7:3
^q2Sa 22:2
Ps 18:2
Ps 144:2
²Sa 16:21
2Sa 17:12
Ps 17:9
Ps 59:1
Ps 140:1
²Sa 19:9
Mt 26:48
^aPs 39:7
Ro 15:13
^ePs 35:23
^qPs 73:28
²Sa 16:13
Isa 17:45
Pr 22:6
Lu 2:40
Lu 2:49
2Ti 3:15
^rPs 22:9
Lu 1:35
^kPs 139:15
Lu 1:31
ⁿPs 34:1
Eph 5:20
^oIsa 8:18
²Sa 19:8
Isa 8:18
Zec 3:8
Lu 2:34
^sPs 62:7
Jer 16:19

^a "God," MLXXSy. *El-o-him'*, M; "Jehovah," Vg; "The glory of Jehovah," T; "Jehovah," many Hebrew manuscripts. See Psalm 42:1, footnote b. ^b "Sovereign Lord Jehovah," M, *A-do-nay' Y'ho-wih'*. See Psalm 69:6, footnote a.

- ⁸ My mouth is filled with your praise,^t
All day long with your beauty.^u
- ⁹ Do not throw me away in the time of old age;^v
Just as my power is failing do not leave me.^y
- ¹⁰ For my enemies have said in regard to me,^z
And the very ones keeping watch for my
soul have jointly exchanged counsel,^{*}
- ¹¹ Saying: "God himself has left him."^z
"Pursue and catch him, for there is no
deliverer."^z
- ¹² O God, do not keep far away from me.^z
O my God, do hurry to my help.^{*}
- ¹³ May those be ashamed, may those come to
their end, who are resisting my soul.^z
May those cover themselves with reproach
and humiliation who are seeking calam-
ity for me.^{*}
- ¹⁴ But as for me, I shall wait constantly,^{*}
And I will add to all your praise.
- ¹⁵ My own mouth will recount your righteous-
ness,ⁿ
All day long your salvation,^r
For I have not come to know the numbers
[of them].^s
- ¹⁶ I shall come in grand mightiness,^t O Sover-
eign^u Lord Jehovah;^a
I shall mention your righteousness, yours
alone.^v
- ¹⁷ O God, you have taught^o me from my youth
on,^y
And until now I keep telling about your
wonderful works.^z
- ¹⁸ And even until old age and gray-headedness,
O God, do not leave me,^{*}

^a "Sovereign Lord Jehovah." M, *A.do.nay' Y'ho.wih'*. See verse 5, footnote b.

- Until I may tell about your arm to the
generation,^z
To all those who are to come, about your
mightiness.^a
- ¹⁰ Your righteousness, O God, is up to the
height;^z
As respects the great things that you have
done,^{*}
O God, who is like you?^o
- ²⁰ Because you have made me^a see many dis-
tresses and calamities,^{*}
May you revive me^a again;^z
And from the surging waters^b of the earth
may you again bring me up.^k
- ²¹ May you enlarge my greatnessⁿ
And may you surround [and] comfort me.^r
- ²² I too, I shall laud you on an instrument, a
stringed instrument,^s
As regards your trueness, O my God.^t
I will make melody to you on the harp,^o O
Holy One of Israel.^u
- ²³ My lips will cry out joyfully when I am in-
clined to make melody to you,^v
Even my soul that you have redeemed.^y
- ²⁴ Also my own tongue, all day long, will utter
in an undertone your righteousness,^z
For they have become ashamed, for they
have become abashed, who are seeking
calamity for me.^{*}
- Regarding Solomon.
- 72** O God, give your own judicial decisions
to the king,^z

^a "Me," Mmargin LXXVgSy; "us," MT. ^b "The surging waters." Or, "the primeval oceans." By a correction of M, "the lower (lowest) parts," as at Psalm 63:9.

And your righteousness to the son of the king.^a

² May he plead the cause of your people with righteousness^b

And of your afflicted ones with judicial decision.^c

³ Let the mountains^d carry peace^e to the people,^e Also the hills,^d through righteousness.^c

⁴ Let him judge^e the afflicted ones of the people,^e Let him save the sons of the poor one,^k And let him crush the defrauder.ⁿ

⁵ They will^a fear you as long as there is a sun^b or And before the moon^c for generation after generation.^{cs}

⁶ He will descend like the rain^c upon the mown grass,^t

Like copious showers that wet the earth.^{du}

⁷ In his days the righteous one^e will sprout,^v And the abundance of peace until the moon is no more.^{fy}

⁸ And he will have subjects from sea to sea^z And from the River^g to the ends of the earth.^{*}

⁹ Before him the inhabitants of waterless regions^h will bow down,^c And his very enemies will lick the dust^c itself.^a

¹⁰ The kings of Tar'shish and of the islands¹⁰—Tribute they will pay.⁺ The kings of She'ba and of Se'ba^e—

^a Or, "Let them." ^b Literally, "fear you with the sun." ^c Literally, "for the generation of generations." ^d Literally, "a wetting (moistening) of the earth." ^e M. ^f "The righteous one," M; "righteousness," LXXVgSy and three Hebrew manuscripts. ^g "Until the moon is no more," M; "until the servants of the moon are destroyed," T. ^h "River," MLXXVgSy; "Eu-phra'tes," T. ⁱ Or, "the demons." ^j Or, "coastlands."

AlKi 1:47
Lu 1:32
Lu 3:22
1Ki 3:9
Heb 1:9
Re 19:11
1Ki 3:28
Mt 22:21
Isa 52:7
Ps 65:12
Ps 85:10
Ps 122:6
pPs 114:4
1Ki 7:7
Joh 5:22
Ps 82:1
kHeb 2:15
nHeb 2:14
rPs 89:36
Da 2:44
Ps 74:16
Ps 104:19
sPs 89:37
Lu 1:33
Re 11:15
Ps 135:7
tDe 32:2
Pr 19:12
u2Sa 23:4
Pr 16:15
Ho 6:3
vIsa 11:10
y1Ki 4:25
1Ch 22:9
Isa 2:4
Isa 9:6
Lu 2:14
Isa 7:20
zEx 23:31
Zec 9:10
Re 7:9
Ps 80:11
Re 7:1
1Ki 9:18
Ps 104:29
ApS 2:9
Ps 110:1
Isa 49:23
Mic 7:17
Lu 19:27
1Ki 10:22
2Ch 9:21
Isa 49:7
1Ki 10:14
Ps 68:29

*1Ki 10:10

*Ps 2:10
Isa 49:23

*Ps 106:5
kPs 86:9
Mt 25:32

nLu 4:18

rLu 7:22

sMt 11:29
tLu 2:30

Joh 3:16
uPs 25:32
Mt 20:28
Lu 1:68

Tit 2:14
vPs 116:15
1Th 2:15

Re 6:10
Re 17:6
yPs 21:4
Joh 14:19

1Pe 3:18
Re 1:18

*Ps 119:127
z1Ki 10:10
Mt 12:42

*1Ki 8:45
Mt 21:9
Joh 14:13

1Co 1:2
2Ch 2:12
Pp 2:11

2Pe 3:18
4Sa 30:23

Isa 2:2
Mal 3:10

*Ps 92:12
*Re 7:16

*Ps 45:17
Pp 2:10
Ps 92:7

Isa 9:7
*Pp 2:9

*Ps 109:13
kGe 22:18

2Co 5:18
nLu 1:48

1Ti 6:15
rPs 41:13

*Ec 12:7
sEx 15:11

Ps 77:14
Ps 136:4
Da 4:2

A gift they will present.^{*}

¹¹ And to him all the kings will prostrate themselves,^{*}

All the nations^g themselves will serve him.^k

¹² For he will deliver the poor one crying for help,ⁿ

Also the afflicted one and whoever has no helper.^r

¹³ He will feel sorry for the lowly one and the poor one,^s

And the souls^a of the poor ones he will save.^t

¹⁴ From oppression and from violence he will redeem their soul,^u

And their blood will be precious in his eyes.^v

¹⁵ And let him live^y and to him let some of the gold^c of She'ba be given.^z

And in his behalf let prayer be made constantly;^{*}

All day long let him be blessed.⁺

¹⁶ There will come to be plenty of grain on the earth;^a

On the top of the mountains there will be an overflow.⁺

His fruit will be as in Leb'a-non,^{*}

And those who are from the city will blossom like the vegetation^g of the earth.⁺

¹⁷ Let his name prove to be to time^c indefinite;^{*} Before the sun let his name^g have increase,⁺

And by means of him let them bless themselves;^k

Let all nations pronounce him happy.ⁿ

¹⁸ Blessed be Jehovah God, Israel's God,⁺ Who alone is doing wonderful works.^s

^a "Souls." M, *neph'esh* (plural); LXX, *psy-chē*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*.

¹⁹ And blessed^c be his glorious name to time indefinite,^t

And let his glory fill the whole earth.^u
Amen and Amen.^{av}

²⁰ The prayers of David, the son of Jes'se, have come to their end.^v

BOOK THREE

(Psalms 73—89)

A melody of A'saph.^m

73 God is indeed good to Israel, to those clean in heart.*

² As for me, my feet had almost turned aside,^c
My steps had nearly been made to slip.^{ba}

³ For I became envious of the boasters,
[When] I would see the very peace of wicked people.*

⁴ For they have no deathly pangs;^e
And their paunch is fat.*

⁵ They are not even in the trouble of mortal man,^{c#}

And they are not plagued the same as other men.^d

⁶ Therefore haughtiness has served as a neck-lace to them;^k

Violence envelops them as a garment.ⁿ

⁷ Their eye has bulged from fatness;^r
They have exceeded the imaginations of the heart.^s

⁸ They scoff and speak about what is bad;^t
About defrauding they speak in an elevated style.^u

⁹ They have put their mouth in the very heavens,^v

^a See Psalm 41:13, footnote c. ^b Or, "been poured out." ^c "Mortal man." M, *e-nōsh*. ^d "Other men." M, *a-dam*.

Pr 5:18
tNe 9:5
Re 5:13
uNu 14:21
Hab 2:14
vPs 89:52
1Co 14:16

y2Sa 23:1

m1Ch 6:39

*Ps 84:11
Isa 63:7
Isa 63:9
Mt 5:8
Lu 12:32
Joh 1:47
Ro 2:29
Jas 4:8
1Sa 2:9
Ps 116:8
Ro 7:23
Job 12:5
Ps 17:5
Ps 38:16
Ps 94:18
Job 21:7
Ps 37:7
Jer 12:1
Job 21:23
*Ps 17:10
*Job 21:9
Ps 73:12
kDe 8:14
Es 3:5
Job 21:14
Pr 1:9
Jer 48:29
Da 4:30
nPs 109:29
Jas 5:6
rJob 15:27
Ps 119:70
Jer 5:28
*Lu 12:19
tPs 53:1
2Pe 2:10
uEx 1:10
1K1 21:7
Ps 12:4
Jude 16
vEx 5:2
2Ch 32:15
Da 3:15
Da 7:25
Re 13:6

And their tongue itself walks about in the earth.

¹⁰ Therefore he brings his people back hither,
And the waters of one that is full are drained out for them.^y

yEze 23:34

¹¹ And they have said: "How has God^a come to know?"

"And does there exist knowledge in the Most High?"

zJob 22:14
Ps 10:11
Ps 94:7
Eze 8:12
*Ps 44:21
Ps 139:4

cJer 12:1

¹² Look! these are the wicked, who are at ease indefinitely.^z

They have increased [their] means of maintenance.^a

*Ps 17:14
Ps 37:35
Ps 62:10
Lu 16:19
Jas 5:4
Job 34:9
Job 35:3
Mal 3:14
*Ps 24:4
Ps 26:6
Jas 4:8
Ge 12:17
Ex 11:1
*Job 7:18
Ps 94:12
Heb 12:5
*Pr 30:12
Joh 8:39
kJob 6:15
nEc 8:17
Ro 11:33
rLu 18:34
Joh 16:18

¹³ Surely it is in vain that I have cleansed my heart^z

And that I wash my hands in innocence itself.*

¹⁴ And I came to be plagued all day long,^e
And my correction is every morning.*

¹⁵ If I had said: "I will declare like them, 'Look! the generation of your sons,'"^z

I should have acted treacherously.^k

¹⁶ And I kept considering so as to know this;ⁿ
It was a trouble in my eyes,^r

¹⁷ Until I proceeded to come into the grand sanctuary^c of God.^{as}

I wanted to discern their future.^t

¹⁸ Surely on slippery ground is where you place them.^u

You have made them fall to ruins.^v

¹⁹ O how they have become an object of astonishment as in a moment!^y

[How] they have reached their end, have

cPs 96:6
sPs 27:4
Ps 63:2
tPs 37:38
Jer 5:31
uDe 32:35
Ps 35:8
Jer 23:12
vPs 92:7
Ps 94:23
2Th 1:9
yIsa 30:13
1Th 5:3
Re 18:10

^a "God." M, *El*.

been brought to their finish through sudden terrors!^z

²⁰ Like a dream after awaking, O Jehovah,^a
When one arouses oneself you despise their
very image.^c

²¹ For my heart was soured^a
And in my kidneys I was sharply pained,^c

²² And I was unreasoning and I could not
know;⁺

I became as mere beasts from your stand-
point.^o

²³ But I am constantly with you;⁺
You have taken hold of my right hand.^a

²⁴ With your counsel^c you will lead me,^k
And afterward you will take me even to
glory.ⁿ

²⁵ Whom do I have in the heavens?^r
And besides you I do have no other delight
on the earth.^a

²⁶ My organism and my heart have failed.^t
God is the rock of my heart and my share
to time indefinite.^u

²⁷ For, look! the very ones keeping away from
you will perish.^v

You will certainly silence every one adul-
terously^c leaving you.^v

²⁸ But as for me, the drawing near to God is
good for me.^z

In the Sovereign Lord Jehovah^b I have
placed my refuge,⁺

To declare all your works.^c

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT; A-do-nay', M; one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read A-do-nay' instead of Y'ho-wah'. ^b "The Sovereign Lord Jehovah," M, A-do-nay' Y'ho-wih'. See Psalm 69:6, footnote a. ^c LXXVg add: "in the gates of the daughter of Zion."

zNu 16:32
Job 15:21
Da 5:6
*Ps 90:5
Isa 29:8
*Isa 2:30
*Eze 7:20
*Ps 37:1
Ps 73:3
*Job 16:13
*Ps 69:5
Pr 30:3
*Ps 32:9
Pr 30:2
Ec 3:18
*Ge 5:24
Ps 16:8
Ps 139:18
Heb 13:5
*Ps 37:17
Ps 63:8
Isa 41:10
*Ps 119:24
kPs 25:9
Ps 32:8
Ps 143:10
Pr 3:6
Joh 16:13
Jas 1:5
nJoh 17:5
2Co 5:1
1Pe 1:4
rPs 16:5
Ps 17:15
Ps 37:4
nIsa 26:9
Hab 3:18
Mt 10:37
t2Co 4:16
2Ti 4:6
2Pe 1:14
uDe 32:4
Ps 119:57
vPs 119:155
Mt 15:8
*Ps 106:39
yEx 34:15
Nu 15:39
Jas 4:4
*Ps 109:21
zPs 65:4
Heb 10:22
Jas 4:8
1Pe 3:18
*Ps 46:1
*Pr 18:9
*Ps 9:14

74 Why, O God, have you rejected for-
ever?^m

Why does your anger keep smoking against
the flock of your pasturage?^o

² Remember^c your assembly^o that you acquired
long ago,⁺

The tribe that you redeemed as your pos-
session,^o

This Mount Zion in which you have resided.⁺

³ Do lift up your steps because of long-lasting
desolations.⁺

Everything the enemy has treated badly in
the holy place.^k

⁴ Those showing hostility to you have roared
in the middle of your meeting place.ⁿ

They have set their own signs^c as the
signs.^r

⁵ There is fame in being like one bringing up on
high hatchets against a thicket of trees.^a

⁶ And now the very carvings of it one and all
they strike even with ax and iron-
tipped beam.^t

⁷ They have thrust your sanctuary into the
fire itself.^u

They have profaned the tabernacle of your
name to the very earth.^v

⁸ They, even their offspring, have said together
in their own heart:^v

"All the meeting places of God^b must be
burned in the earth."^z

⁹ Our signs we have not seen; there is no proph-
et^o any more,⁺

41Ch 6:39
mPs 10:1
Ps 42:9
Ps 44:9
Jer 33:26
Ro 11:1
*De 29:20
Ps 79:13
Eze 34:8
Lu 12:32
*Isa 43:18
*Pr 5:14
*Ex 15:16
Ex 19:4
Ex 9:29
*De 4:20
De 32:9
Isa 51:11
Jer 10:16
Tit 2:14
*Ps 48:2
Ps 78:68
Ps 132:13
*Isa 64:10
Da 9:17
Mic 1:3
Lu 21:24
Re 11:2
kPs 79:1
La 1:10
Da 11:31
Mr 11:17
*Ps 105:27
nLa 2:7
Lu 13:1
rDa 11:31
Mt 24:15
sJer 46:22
Jer 46:23
t1Ki 6:18
1Ki 6:35
u2Ki 25:9
Isa 64:11
v1Ki 8:20
Eze 25:3
yPs 14:1
zPs 83:4
Ps 137:7
*Ex 12:13
Ex 13:9
Jg 6:17
Eze 20:12
Heb 2:4
*Ps 105:15

^a "Mas'kil." See the superscription of Psalm 32, footnote a. ^b "God," M, El.

- And there is no one with us knowing how long.^c
- ¹⁰ How long, O God, will the adversary keep reproaching?^d
Will the enemy keep treating your name with disrespect forever?^e
- ¹¹ Why do you keep your hand, even your right hand, withdrawn?^f
From the midst of your bosom to make an end [of us]?^g
- ¹² And yet God is my King from long ago,^h
The One performing grand salvation in the midst of the earth.ⁱ
- ¹³ You yourself stirred up the sea with your own strength;^k
You broke the heads of the sea monsters in the waters.^l
- ¹⁴ You yourself crushed to pieces the heads of Le-vi'a-than.^m
You proceeded to give it as food to the people, to those inhabiting the waterless regions.ⁿ
- ¹⁵ You were the One that split the spring and the torrent;^o
You yourself dried up everflowing rivers.^p
- ¹⁶ To you the day belongs; also to you the night belongs.^q
You yourself prepared the luminary,^r even the sun.^s
- ¹⁷ It was you that set up all the boundaries of the earth;^t
Summer^u and winter—you yourself formed them.^v

^a "Le-vi'a-than," MSy; "the dragon," LXXVg; "the strong ones of Phar'aoth," T.

□Ps 13:1

ΔPs 13:2
Ps 89:50
Da 12:6
Re 6:10
Eze 36:23
Mt 6:9

*Ps 44:23
Isa 64:12
La 2:3
□Ps 106:23

*Nu 23:21
Isa 33:22
*Ex 15:2
Jg 4:23
Isa 19:5
Isa 63:8
Hab 3:13
kEx 14:21

Ne 9:11
Ps 66:6
Ps 78:13
Ps 106:9
nEx 14:28
Ps 136:15
Isa 51:9
Eze 29:3
rJob 41:1

Ps 104:26
Isa 27:1
sEx 12:36
Ex 14:30
Nu 14:9
tJos 3:13
2Kl 2:8
Isa 44:27
uRe 16:12
vGe 1:3

Ge 1:5
Ps 136:7
vGe 1:16
Ps 19:4
Ps 136:8
Mt 5:45
□Eze 32:8

□Ps 84:11

zDe 32:8
Ps 24:1
Ac 17:26
□Pr 6:8
*Ge 8:22
Ac 14:17

□Ps 74:10
Ps 89:51
ΔEx 5:2
De 32:27
2Ch 32:14
Isa 37:23
Eze 20:14

□Mt 6:13
1Pe 5:8
-Ps 68:10
Ps 72:2
Zep 3:12
Jas 2:5

□Ge 17:7
Ex 2:24
Le 26:45
Ps 89:28
Ps 105:8
Ps 106:45

Lu 1:73
Ge 49:5
Isa 60:2
Ro 1:29
Eph 4:18
Ps 12:5

Ps 91:18
Isa 45:17
kEzr 3:11
Ps 102:21
Jer 33:11
nPs 9:19

Ps 119:154
Pr 22:23
rPs 89:51
Isa 52:5
sPs 2:2
tIsa 37:29
Jon 1:2

u1Ch 6:39
m1Ch 16:4
Ps 9:1
Ps 54:6
vEx 23:21
Ps 76:1

Ps 138:2
Jer 10:6
Joh 17:6
vDe 4:33
Ps 145:12
Re 15:3
zEc 3:17
Joh 7:6

Ac 17:31
*2Sa 5:3
2Sa 8:15
Ps 78:71
Isa 11:4
□Job 30:22

Ps 78:63
Isa 24:3
Δ2Sa 5:2
Isa 49:8
Heb 1:3
□Ps 94:8

- ¹⁸ Remember this: The enemy himself has reproached, O Jehovah,^a
And a senseless people have treated your name with disrespect.^b

- ¹⁹ Do not give to the wild beast the soul of your turtledove.^c
Do not forget the very life of your afflicted ones forever.^d

- ²⁰ Take a look at the covenant,^e
For the dark places of the earth have become full of the abodes of violence.^f

- ²¹ O may the crushed one not return humiliated.^g
May the afflicted one and the poor one praise your name.^h

- ²² Do arise, O God, do conduct your own case at law.ⁱ
Remember your reproach from the senseless one all day long.^j

- ²³ Do not forget the voice of those showing hostility to you.^k
The noise of those rising up against you is ascending constantly.^l

To the director. "Do not bring to ruin."^a
A melody. Of A'saph.^u A song.

- 75** We do laud you, O God, we do laud you,^m
And your name is near.ⁿ
Men have to declare your wondrous works.^v

- ² For I proceeded to take a set time;^z
I myself began judging with uprightness.^{*}
³ The earth and all its inhabitants being dissolved,[□]

- It was I that adjusted its pillars.^Δ *Se'lah.*
⁴ I said to the foolish ones: "Do not be foolish,"[□]

^a Compare the superscriptions of Psalms 57, 58, 59.

And to the wicked ones: "Do not exalt the horn.*

⁵ "Do not exalt YOUR horn on high.

"Do not speak with an arrogant neck.⁶

⁶ "For neither from the east^a nor from the west, "Nor from the south^b is there an exalting.

⁷ "For God is the judge."

"This one he abases, and that one he exalts.⁸

⁸ "For there is a cup in the hand of Jehovah,^k "And the wine⁹ is foaming, it is full of mixture.

"And surely its dregs will be poured out from it;

"All the wicked ones of the earth will drain [them] out, drink [them]."ⁿ

⁹ But as for me, I shall tell [of it] to time indefinite;^r

I will make melody to the God of Jacob.^s

¹⁰ And all the horns of the wicked ones I shall cut off.^t

The horns of the righteous one will be exalted.^u

To the director on stringed instruments.

A melody of A'saph.^v A song.

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God is known in Judah;^{om}

In Israel his name is great.^v

² And his covert proves to be in Sa'lem itself,^z And his dwelling place in Zion.*

³ There he broke the flaming shafts of the bow,^c The shield and the sword and the battle.^d *Se'lah.*

⁴ You are enveloped with light, more majestic than the mountains of prey.^o

^a Literally, "from a going forth," that is, of the sun. ^b Literally, "wilderness," that is, to the south.

*Ps 89:17
Ps 148:14
Zec 1:21

Ex 32:9
2Ch 30:8
Ac 7:51

Ps 50:6
Ps 58:11
1Sa 2:7

2Sa 6:21
Da 4:17
Lu 1:52

kPs 11:6
Isa 51:17
Re 14:10

Ps 78:65
nJob 21:20
Jer 25:15

Jer 25:28
rPs 9:14
Ps 145:1

sPs 104:33
tJer 48:25
Zec 1:21

uPs 89:17
Ps 92:10
Ps 148:14

Lu 1:69
v1Ch 6:39
mDe 4:35

Ps 48:3
Ac 17:23
v1Ch 29:11

2Ch 2:5
Ps 83:18
Isa 5:7

zGe 14:18
Ps 10:9
Ps 27:5

Heb 7:1
*2Ch 6:6
Ps 132:13

Isa 12:6
Eze 39:3
2Ch 14:13

2Ch 32:21
Ps 46:9
Ps 104:2

Eze 19:3
Eze 38:12
Re 22:5

⁵ The ones powerful in heart have been despoiled,^{*}

They have drowsed away to their sleep,⁶ And none of all the valiant men have found their hands.^{*}

⁶ From your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the charioteer and the horse have fallen fast asleep.^{*}

⁷ You—fear-inspiring you are,^k And who can stand before you because of the strength of your anger?ⁿ

⁸ From heaven you caused the legal contest to be heard;^r The earth itself feared and kept quiet^s

⁹ When God rose up to judgment,^t To save all the meek of the earth.^u *Se'lah.*

¹⁰ For the very rage of man^a will laud you;^v The remainder of raging you will gird upon yourself.^{by}

¹¹ Vow and pay to Jehovah⁹ YOUR God, all you who are round about him.^z Let them bring a gift in fear.^{*}

¹² He will humble^c the spirit of leaders;^d Fear-inspiring he is to the kings of the earth.^e

To the director on Je-du'thun.^d Of A'saph.^o A melody.

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With my voice I will even cry out to God^e himself,^m With my voice to God, and he will certainly give ear to me.^{*}

*Isa 46:12
Lu 1:51
Ps 13:3
Isa 37:36
Jer 51:39
*Eze 30:22

*Ex 14:28
Zec 12:4
kEx 14:31
Ps 89:7

nPs 90:11
Jer 10:10
1Co 10:22

Re 6:17
r2Ch 32:21
Eze 38:18

s2Ch 20:29
Hab 2:20
Zec 2:13

tPs 9:7
Ps 82:8
uPs 25:9

Zep 2:3
Mt 5:5
vDa 3:19

Da 8:28
Ac 4:28
yPs 2:12

Re 11:18
oJer 13:16
zNu 30:2

Ps 50:14
Ec 5:4
*De 16:16

2Ch 32:23
Ps 68:29
Isa 5:15

Jer 13:18
Isa 24:21
Re 6:15

o1Ch 6:39
mPs 3:4
Ps 34:6

Ps 55:16
Ps 142:1
*Ps 118:2

Pr 15:29
a "Man." M, a-dam'. b "You will gird upon yourself," M; "will keep festival (celebrate) to you," LXXVg. c Or, "cut off." d See the superscription of Psalm 39, footnote b. e *Elo-him*, M; "Jehovah," LXXVgT.

- ² In the day of my distress I have searched for Jehovah^a himself.^o
At night my very hand has been stretched out^b and does not grow numb;^{*}
My soul has refused to be comforted.^{*}
- ³ I will remember God and be boisterous;^k
I will show concern that my spirit may faint away.ⁿ *Se'lah.*
- ⁴ You have seized hold of my eyelids;^r
I have become agitated and I cannot speak.^s
- ⁵ I have thought upon the days of long ago,^t
On the years in the indefinite past.
- ⁶ I will remember my string music in the night;^u
With my heart I will show concern,^v
And my spirit will carefully search.^y
- ⁷ Will it be to times indefinite that Jehovah^c keeps rejecting,^z
And will he no more be pleased again?[?]
- ⁸ Has his loving-kindness^d terminated forever?[?]
Has [his] saying come to nothing for generation after generation?[?]
- ⁹ Has God^e forgotten to be favorable,[?]
Or has he shut off his mercies in anger?[?] *Se'lah.*
- ¹⁰ And shall I keep saying: "This is what pierces me through,[?]
"The changing of the right hand of the Most High?"[?]
- ¹¹ I shall remember the practices of Jah,^{f,?}

^a "Jehovah," SyT; "God," LXXVg; *A.do.nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 cases where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* instead of *Y'ho.wah'*. ^b Literally, "poured out," M. ^c "Jehovah," LXXSyT; "God," Vg; *A.do.nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 cases where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* instead of *Y'ho.wah'*. ^d Or, "loyal love." ^e "God," M, *El.* ^f "Jah." See Psalm 68:4, footnote a.

- For I will remember your marvelous doing of long ago.^{*}
- ¹² And I shall certainly meditate aloud on all your activity,[?]
And with your dealings I will concern myself.[?]
- ¹³ O God,^a your way is in the sanctuary.[?]
Who is a great God^b like God?^{a,?}
- ¹⁴ You are The [true] God,^c doing marvelously.[?]
Among the peoples you have made your strength known.^{*}
- ¹⁵ With [your] arm you have recovered your people,[?]
The sons of Jacob and of Joseph.^o *Se'lah.*
- ¹⁶ The waters have seen you, O God,
The waters have seen you; they began to be in severe pains.
Also the surging waters^d began to be agitated.^{*}
- ¹⁷ The clouds have thunderously poured down water;[?]
A sound the cloudy skies have given forth.
Also your own arrows proceeded to go here and there.[?]
- ¹⁸ The sound of your thunder was like chariot wheels;[?]
Lightnings^e have lighted up the productive land;^{e,?}
The earth became agitated and began to rock.^o
- ¹⁹ Through the sea your way was,^{*}
And your path was through many waters,

^a 1Ch 16:12
^b Ps 104:34
^c Ps 143:5
^d 1Ch 16:9
^e Ps 105:2
^f Ps 27:4
^g Ps 63:2
^h Ps 68:24
ⁱ Ps 73:17
^j Ex 15:11
^k De 32:31
^l Ps 89:8
^m Isa 40:18
ⁿ Isa 46:5
^o Ps 72:18
^p Ps 136:4
^q Jer 10:10
^r Re 15:3
^s Ex 9:16
^t Ex 13:14
^u Ex 15:6
^v Isa 52:10
^w Da 3:29
^x Da 6:27
^y Ps 80:1
^z Ex 6:6
^{aa} De 9:29
^{ab} Ps 136:12

^{ac} Ge 1:2
^{ad} Ex 14:21
^{ae} Jos 3:16
^{af} Ps 104:7
^{ag} Ge 7:12
^{ah} Ps 68:8

^{ai} 2Sa 22:15
^{aj} Ps 18:14
^{ak} Ps 144:6
^{al} Hab 3:11
^{am} Ex 19:16
^{an} Job 37:4
^{ao} Ps 29:3
^{ap} Re 11:19
^{aq} Ps 97:4

^{ar} Ps 97:4
^{as} Hab 3:4

^{at} Ex 19:18
^{au} 2Sa 22:8
^{av} Mt 27:51
^{aw} Ne 9:11
^{ax} Hab 3:15

^a "God," M, *El.o.him'*. ^b "God," M, *El.* ^c "The [true] God," M, *ha-El*. See Psalm 18:32, footnote a. ^d See Exodus 15:5, footnote b. ^e "The productive land," M, *te.bēl'*; LXX, "the inhabited earth"; Vg, *or'bis ter'rae* ("the terrestrial circle").

And your very footprints have not come to be known.^a

²⁰ You have led your people just like a flock,^k
By the hand of Moses^o and Aaron.ⁿ

Mas'kil.^a Of A'saph.^a

78 Do give ear, O my people, to my law;^o
Incline YOUR ear to the sayings of my mouth.^a

² In a proverbial saying I will open my mouth;^o
I will cause riddles of long ago to bubble forth.^a

³ Which we have heard and know^o
And which our own fathers have related to us;^a

⁴ Which we do not hide from their sons,^a
Relating [them] even to the generation^o to come,^k

The praises of Jehovah and his strengthⁿ
And his wonderful things that he has done.^r

⁵ And he proceeded to raise up a reminder in Jacob,^{o,s}

And a law he set in Israel,^t
Things that he commanded our forefathers,^u

To make them known to their sons,^v

⁶ In order that the generation to come, the sons that were to be born, might know [them],^y

That they might rise up and relate [them] to their sons,^z

⁷ And that they might set their confidence in God^b himself^a

And not forget the practices of God^o but observe his own commandments.^a

^aRo 11:33

kPs 80:1

^oPs 99:6

nIsa 63:11

Ac 7:36

^rPs 74 Sup

^oJg 5:3

Ps 49:1

Pr 8:4

Isa 51:4

Isa 55:3

^a2Ch 15:2

Mt 13:9

^oPs 49:4

Mt 13:13

^aPr 1:6

Mt 13:11

^oPs 44:1

Ps 48:8

^oEx 12:26

Ex 13:8

^aDe 4:9

Ps 145:4

Joe 1:3

^oPs 105:8

kDe 11:19

Jos 4:6

Ps 71:18

nPs 9:14

Isa 63:7

rPs 145:5

^oPs 146:5

sDe 4:45

Ps 81:5

Ps 119:152

tDe 4:8

De 27:3

uDe 4:2

Ro 3:2

vGe 18:19

Isa 38:19

Eph 6:4

yPs 71:18

Ps 102:18

zDe 4:10

^aPs 40:4

Jer 17:7

1Pe 1:21

^oEx 12:24

De 4:9

Ps 103:2

^aDe 5:29

1Jo 3:22

⁸ And they should not become like their forefathers,^o

A generation stubborn and rebellious,^{o+}

A generation who had not prepared their heart^o

And whose spirit was not trustworthy with God.^{a,x}

⁹ The sons of E'phra-im,^a though armed shooters of the bow,

Retreated in the day of fight.^k

¹⁰ They did not keep the covenant of God,^{o,n}
And in his law they refused to walk.^r

¹¹ They also began to forget his dealings^a
And his wonderful works that he caused them to see.^t

¹² In front of their forefathers he had done marvelously^u

In the land of Egypt,^v the field of Zo'an.^y

¹³ He split the sea, that he might let them pass over,^z

And he caused the waters^o to stand like a dam.^a

¹⁴ And he continued to lead them with a cloud by day^o

And the whole night with a light of fire.^a

¹⁵ He proceeded to split rocks in the wilderness,^o
That he might cause [them] to drink

plenty just like surging waters.^{c+}

¹⁶ And he went bringing forth streams out of a crag^o

And causing waters to descend just like rivers.^x

¹⁷ And they kept sinning still more against him^a

^oAc 7:51

^oPs 107:11

^oEx 32:9

De 1:43

1Co 10:5

^o2Ch 12:14

2Ch 19:3

2Ch 30:19

Heb 3:19

^aDe 2:30

^a1Ch 7:20

kJg 12:4

nDe 31:16

Jer 31:32

^o2Kl 17:14

Ne 9:26

sDe 32:18

Ps 78:7

Jer 2:32

tPs 106:13

Ps 106:22

uDe 4:34

Ne 9:10

Ps 105:29

vPs 105:27

Ps 135:9

yNu 13:22

Ps 78:43

Isa 19:11

Eze 30:14

zEx 14:21

Ps 66:6

Ps 136:13

Isa 63:13

1Co 10:1

^oPs 144:7

^aEx 15:8

Jos 3:13

^oEx 13:21

Ne 9:12

^aEx 14:24

Ps 105:39

^oEx 17:6

Nu 20:11

^oPs 105:41

Ps 114:8

1Co 10:4

^oDe 8:15

^oIsa 41:18

Isa 43:20

^aDe 9:12

Ps 95:9

^a See the superscription of Psalm 32, footnote a. ^b "God." M, *El-o-him'*. ^c "God." M, *El*.

^a "God." M, *El*. ^b "God." M, *El-o-him'*. ^c "Surging waters." M, *t'ho-moth'*. See Psalm 33:7, footnote d.

By rebelling against the Most High in the waterless region,^k

¹⁸ And they proceeded to test God^a in their heartⁿ

By asking for something to eat for their soul.^r

¹⁹ So they began to speak against God.^{ba}

They said: "Is God^a able to arrange a table^o in the wilderness?"^{ot}

²⁰ Look! he struck a rock^u

That waters might flow and torrents themselves might flood forth.^v

"Is he able also to give bread itself,^y

"Or can he prepare sustenance for his people?"^z

²¹ That was why Jehovah heard and began to be furious,^{*}

And fire itself was kindled against Jacob^c

And anger also ascended against Israel.^d

²² For they did not put faith^o in God^b

And they did not trust in salvation by him.^{*}

²³ And he proceeded to command the cloudy skies above^o

And he opened the very doors of heaven.^{*}

²⁴ And he kept raining upon them manna^o to eat,^u

And the grain of heaven he gave to them.^k

²⁵ Men^c ate^o the very bread of powerful ones;^{dn} Provisions he sent them to the full.^r

²⁶ He began making an east wind burst forth in the heavens^s

And making a south wind blow by his own strength.^t

kDe 31:27
1Co 10:5

nPs 106:14
1Co 10:9

rEx 16:8
Nu 11:4
Jas 4:2

Pr 9:2

Isa 14:17
sEx 16:2
Nu 21:5
2Ch 32:19
tNu 11:4
uEx 17:6
vNu 20:11
Ps 78:15
yEx 16:4

zNu 11:21

*Nu 11:10
Ps 78:31
1Co 10:5
Jude 5
De 32:22
Heb 12:29
ANu 11:1
Ps 106:24
Isa 7:9
Heb 3:19
Ne 9:26
Heb 3:12

Isa 5:6
Ge 7:11
2Ki 7:2
Mal 3:10
cEx 16:35
sEx 16:14
De 8:3
Ne 9:15
Joh 6:31
1Co 10:3
Isa 65:21
kEx 16:31
nPs 103:20
rEx 16:12
Mt 14:20
sNu 11:31

tPs 135:7

nNu 11:19

vEx 16:13
Nu 11:32

Isa 37:36
yNu 11:31

zNu 11:18
1Co 10:3

*Nu 11:20
Ps 106:15
Nu 11:4
ANu 11:33
Nu 11:1
Nu 11:10
*Nu 11:34
Nu 14:2

Nu 14:4
Nu 16:21
Nu 17:10
Nu 21:5
Nu 25:3
1Co 10:7
1Co 10:8
1Co 10:9
1Co 10:10

*Ps 78:22
Lu 16:31
Joh 12:37
Heb 3:19
*Nu 14:29
Nu 14:35
Nu 26:64
De 2:14
kGe 3:19
Job 14:1
1Co 10:5
*Ps 135:10

nNu 21:7
Jg 3:9
Jg 4:3
Jg 10:10

rDe 1:45
De 4:29
De 30:2
Ne 1:9
2Co 3:16
sDe 32:4
tEx 6:6
Ex 13:15
uDe 5:28

vPs 106:14
1Co 10:9

a "God." M, El. b "God." M, El-o-him'.

²⁷ And he proceeded to make sustenance rain upon them just like dust,^u

Even winged flying creatures just like the sand grains of the seas.^v

²⁸ And he kept making [them] fall in the middle of his camp,^{oy}

All around his tabernacles.

²⁹ And they went eating and satisfying themselves very much,^z

And what they desired he proceeded to bring to them.^{*}

³⁰ They had not turned aside from their desire,^o While their food was yet in their mouth,^d

³¹ When God's wrath itself ascended against them.^o

And he went killing among their stout ones,^{*}

And the young men of Israel he made collapse.

³² Despite all this they sinned some more^o And did not put faith in his wonderful works.^{*}

³³ So he brought their days to an end as if a mere exhalation^u

And their years by the sudden terror.^k

³⁴ As often as he killed^o them, they also inquired for him,ⁿ

And they returned and looked for God.^{ar}

³⁵ And they began to remember that God^b was their Rock^s

And that God^a the Most High was their Avenger.^t

³⁶ And they tried to fool him with their mouth,^u And with their tongue they tried to lie to him.^v

a "God." M, El. b "God." M, El-o-him'. c "Men." M, ish. d "Powerful ones," that is, superhuman ones. M, ab-bi-rim'; LXXVgSy, "angels"; T, "(that descended from) the habitation of angels."

- ³⁷ And their heart was not steadfast with him,^y
And they did not prove faithful in his covenant.^z
- ³⁸ But he was merciful;^{*} he would cover the error^o and not bring ruin.^o
And many times he made his anger turn back.^a
And he would not rouse up all his rage.^b
- ³⁹ And he kept remembering that they were flesh,^{*}
That the spirit^a is going forth and does not come back.^o
- ⁴⁰ How often they would rebel against him in the wilderness,^{*}
They would make him feel hurt in the desert!^h
- ⁴¹ And again and again they would put God^b to the test,^k
And they pained even the Holy One of Israel.ⁿ
- ⁴² They did not remember his hand,^r
The day that he redeemed them from the adversary,^s
- ⁴³ How he put his signs in Egypt itself^t
And his wonders in the field of Zo'an;^u
- ⁴⁴ And how he began changing to blood their Nile-canals,^v
So that they could not drink from their own streams.^y
- ⁴⁵ He proceeded to send upon them gadflies, that they might eat them up,^z
And frogs, that they might bring them to ruin.^{*}
- ⁴⁶ And he began to give to the cockroaches^o their yield,

^a Or, "a wind." M, ru'ahh. ^b "God." M, El.

yNe 9:26
Ps 95:10
Ho 7:14
Ac 8:21
Heb 3:12
zDe 31:20
Jer 31:32
Ho 8:1
oIsa 1:4
*Ex 34:6
Nu 14:18
Ne 1:5
oNu 14:20
Ps 106:43
Isa 44:22
*Nu 16:48
Ne 9:27
Isa 48:9
Eze 20:9
*1Ki 21:29
Eze 20:22
*Ge 6:3
Ps 103:14
Joh 3:6
*Ec 12:7
Nu 14:11
De 9:21
Ne 9:16
Ps 78:17
1Co 10:10
*Isa 7:13
Isa 63:10
Eph 4:30
Heb 3:15
kNu 14:22
De 6:16
Ps 95:9
1Co 10:9
nPs 78:19
rEx 13:9
Ps 78:11
Ps 136:10
Isa 11:11
1Pe 5:6
sEx 14:30
Ps 106:7
tDe 4:34
Ne 9:10
Ps 105:27
uPs 78:12
vEx 7:19
yPs 105:29
zEx 8:21
*Ex 8:2
o1Ki 8:37
Isa 33:4
Joe 1:4
Joe 2:25

- ^oPs 109:23
oPs 80:8
*Ex 10:19
Ps 105:34
Am 7:1
Re 9:3
*Ex 9:18
Ps 105:32
*1Ki 10:27
1Ch 27:28
*Ps 105:33
*Ex 9:25
*De 32:24
1Ki 8:37
2Ch 6:28
kEx 32:10
La 4:11
nPs 11:6
Isa 42:25
r1Ki 22:21
Mt 13:41
Re 9:16
sNu 25:4
tEx 22:24
oPs 91:3
uEx 9:3
vEx 12:29
Ex 13:15
Ps 105:36
Ps 135:8
oPs 105:23
yGe 49:3
zEx 12:51
Ps 105:37
*Ex 13:21
Ps 95:7
Ps 100:3
Isa 40:11
oEx 14:20
Heb 11:29
*Ex 14:27
Ex 15:10
Ps 136:15
*Ex 15:13
Da 9:16
Mt 24:15
*Ps 44:3
- And their toil to the locusts.^o^a
- ⁴⁷ He went killing their vine^o even by the hail^o
And their sycamore^{*} trees by hailstones.^o
- ⁴⁸ And he proceeded to hand over their beasts of burden even to the hail^{*}
And their livestock to the flaming fever.^{*}
- ⁴⁹ He went sending upon them his burning anger,^k
Fury and denunciation and distress,ⁿ
Deputations of angels bringing calamity.^r
- ⁵⁰ He proceeded to prepare a pathway for his anger.^s
He did not hold back their soul^a from death itself,^t
And their life he handed over even to the pestilence.^b^{ou}
- ⁵¹ Finally he struck down all the first-born in Egypt,^v
The beginning of their generative power^o
in the tents of Ham.^{oy}
- ⁵² Afterward he caused his people to depart just like a flock^z
And conducted them like a drove in the wilderness.^{*}
- ⁵³ And he kept leading them in security and they felt no dread,^o
And the sea covered their enemies themselves.^a
- ⁵⁴ And he proceeded to bring them to his holy territory,^o
This mountainous region that his right hand acquired.^{*}

^a "Soul." M, neph'esh; LXX, psy.chai'; Vg, a'ni-mae. ^b Or, "bubopest." ^o Literally, "of generative powers," M; "of their labor(s)," LXX VgT; "of their offspring," Sy.

- ⁵⁵ And because of them he gradually drove out the nations,^a
And by the measuring line he went allotting them a possession,^{*}
So that he caused the tribes of Israel to reside in their own homes.^{a#}
- ⁵⁶ And they began to test^k and rebel against God the Most High,ⁿ
And his reminders they did not keep.^r
- ⁵⁷ They also kept turning back and acting treacherously like their forefathers;^s
They turned around like a loose bow.^t
- ⁵⁸ And they kept offending him with their high^o places,^u
And with their graven images they kept inciting him to jealousy.^v
- ⁵⁹ God heard^y and got to be furious,^z
And so he contemned Israel very much.^{*}
- ⁶⁰ And he finally forsook the tabernacle^o of Shi'loh,^{o#}
The tent in which he resided among earthling men.⁴
- ⁶¹ And he proceeded to give his strength even to captivity⁹
And his beauty into the hand of the adversary.⁺
- ⁶² And he kept handing over his people to the sword itself,^o
And against his possession he became furious.^{*}
- ⁶³ His young men a fire ate up,^{*}
And his virgins were not praised.^{bk}
- ⁶⁴ As for his priests,^o they fell by the very sword,ⁿ

^a Literally, "tents," M. ^b "Praised," that is, in wedding songs.

- And their^a own widows did not give way to weeping.^r
- ⁶⁵ Then Jehovah^b began to awake as from sleeping,^s
Like a mighty one sobering up from wine.^{ot}
- ⁶⁶ And he went striking down his adversaries from behind;^u
A reproach of indefinite duration he gave to them.^v
- ⁶⁷ And he proceeded to reject the tent of Joseph,^y
And the tribe of E'phra'im^o he did not choose.^z
- ⁶⁸ But he chose the tribe of Judah,^{*}
Mount Zion, which he loved.^z
- ⁶⁹ And he began to build his sanctuary just like the heights,⁴
Like the earth that he has founded to time indefinite.⁹
- ⁷⁰ And so he chose David his servant⁺
And took him from the pens of the flock.⁹
- ⁷¹ From following the females giving suck^{*}
He brought him in to be a shepherd over Jacob his people⁺
And over Israel his possession.^k
- ⁷² And he began to shepherd them according to the integrity of his heart,ⁿ
And with the skillfulness of his hands he began leading them.^r
- A melody of A'saph.^s
- 79** O God, the nations have come into your possession,^t
They have defiled your holy temple,^u

^a Literally, "his," MT; "their," LXXVgSy. ^b "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT; A-do-nay', M; this being one of the 134 passages in which the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read A-do-nay' instead of Y'ho-wah'.

They have laid Jerusalem in a heap of ruins.^v

² They have given the dead body of your servants as food to the fowls^o of the heavens.^v

The flesh of your men of loving-kindness to the wild beasts^o of the earth.^z

³ They have poured out their blood like water.^{*}
All around Jerusalem, and there is no one to do the burying.^o

⁴ We have become a reproach to our neighbors,^o
A derision and a jeering to those round about us.^v

⁵ How long, O Jehovah, will you be incensed?
Forever?^{*}

How long will your insistence on exclusive devotion burn just like fire?^o

⁶ Pour out your rage upon the nations that have not known you,^{*}

And upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your own name.^{*}

⁷ For they have eaten up Jacob,^k
And they have caused his own abiding place to be desolated.^m

⁸ Do not remember against us^r the errors of ancestors.ⁿ

Hurry! Let your mercies confront us,^s
For we have become greatly impoverished.^t

⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation,^u
For the sake of the glory of your name,^v
And deliver us and cover over our sins on account of your name.^v

¹⁰ Why should the nations say: "Where is their God?"^z

Let there be known before our eyes among the nations^{*}

v2Ki 25:9
2Ch 36:19
Jer 52:13
Mic 3:12
Ec 10:20
vJer 7:33
Jer 15:3
Jer 34:20
2Ch 36:17
*Mt 23:35
Re 18:6
Re 17:6
oPs 104:11
oPs 141:7
Jer 16:4
Jer 25:33
oPr 27:10
oDe 28:37
Ps 44:13
Jer 24:9
Jas 1:1
o1Ki 9:7
Ne 2:19
Ne 4:1
*Ps 85:5
Isa 64:9
oDe 29:20
Eze 36:5
Zep 1:18
*Jer 10:25
Jer 25:29
Re 16:14
*Ps 53:4
Ps 110:5
kIsa 9:12
Jer 50:7
m2Ch 36:21
Isa 24:1
Isa 64:10
rEx 32:34
1Ki 17:18
Ps 25:7
Ho 9:9
Re 18:5
nDe 19:14
Mt 23:30
sEx 34:6
Ps 69:17
tDe 28:43
Ps 106:43
u1Ch 16:35
Ps 95:1
vEx 6:3
2Ch 14:11
Ps 115:1
Mal 2:2
Re 15:4
vJos 7:9
1Sa 12:22
Isa 48:9
Jer 14:7
zPs 42:3
Ps 115:2
Joe 2:17
Mic 7:10
*Ex 7:5
Ps 58:11

The avenging^o of the blood of your servants that has been shed.^o

¹¹ May the sighing of the prisoner come in even before you.^a

According to the greatness of your arm preserve^a those appointed to death.^b

¹² And repay to our neighbors seven times into their bosom^{*}

Their reproach with which they have reproached you, O Jehovah.^c

¹³ As for us your people and the flock of your pasturage,^{*}

We shall laud you to time indefinite;^{*}
From generation to generation we shall declare your praise.^k

To the director upon The Lilies.^{dn} A reminder.^e
Of A'saph.^f A melody.

80 O Shepherd^o of Israel, do give ear,^s
You who are conducting Joseph^o just like a flock.^t

O you who are sitting upon the cherubs,^u
do beam forth.^v

² Before E'phraim and Benjamin and Ma-nas'-seh^o do rouse up your mightiness^v
And do come to our salvation.^z

³ O God, bring us back^{*}
And light up your face, that we may be saved.^o

⁴ O Jehovah^o God of armies,^a how long must you fume against the prayer of your people?^o

oPs 94:1
oJer 51:35
Re 12:19
Re 18:20
oEx 2:23
Ps 12:5
Isa 42:7
oNu 14:19
Ps 102:20
Isa 33:2
*Ge 4:15
Le 26:21
Isa 65:6
Jer 32:18
oPs 74:13
Re 15:3
2Th 1:6
*Ps 74:1
*Ps 111:1
kPs 45:17
Ps 145:4
nPs 45:Sup
Ps 60:Sup
r1Ch 6:39
Ps 74:Sup
sPs 23:1
Ps 55:1
Isa 40:11
tPs 77:20
Ps 78:52
uEx 25:20
1Sa 4:4
2Ki 19:15
Ps 99:1
Eze 10:4
oIsa 13:20
oPs 81:5
vDe 33:2
Re 21:23
yNu 2:13
Nu 10:22
Ps 35:23
Isa 42:13
oIsa 9:21
zIsa 25:9
Isa 33:22
*1Ki 18:37
Ps 85:4
oNu 6:25
Ps 4:6
Ps 67:1
Ps 119:135
APs 69:6
oPs 89:8
oPs 85:5
La 3:44
Lu 18:1

^a Or, "leave over," M. "Set free," Sy. ^b Literally, "the sons of death," M. ^c "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT; *A-do-nay'*, M; this being one of the 134 passages in which the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read *A-do-nay'* instead of *Y'ho-wah'*.

^d See the superscription of Psalm 45, footnote f. ^e See the superscription of Psalm 60. ^f See Psalm 59:5; Psalm 84:8, footnote a.

- ^a You have made them eat the bread of tears^a
And you keep making them drink tears up-
on tears in [great] measure.^a
- ^b You set us for strife to our neighbors,^a
And our very enemies keep deriding as they
please.^a
- ^c O God of armies,^b bring us back^k
And light up your face, that we may be
saved.ⁿ
- ^d You proceeded to make a vine^o depart from
Egypt.^{or}
You kept driving out the nations, that you
might plant it.^s
- ^e You made a clearing before it,^t that it might
take root^u and fill the land.^v
- ^f The mountains were covered with its shadow,
And the cedars of God with its boughs.^v
- ^g It gradually sent forth its boughs as far as
the sea,^z
And to the River^c its twigs.^a
- ^h Why have you broken down its stone walls,^o
And [why] have all those passing by on
the road plucked at it?^a
- ⁱ A boar out of the woods^d keeps eating it
away,^o
And the animal throngs of the open field
keep feeding upon it.^a
- ^j O God of armies,^e return,^f please;^o
Look down from heaven and see and take
care of this vine,^a

*Ps 42:3
*Ps 102:9
Isa 30:20
Jer 15:10
*Jg 16:25
Re 11:10
kPs 80:3
Lu 1:16
nIsa 30:15
Isa 64:5
Jer 4:14
2Ti 2:26
rIsa 5:4
Isa 27:3
Jer 2:21
Mt 21:33
*Ps 105:33
*Pr 7:16
sPs 44:2
Ps 78:55
tEx 23:28
Jos 23:9
Jos 24:12
Ne 9:22
Ps 105:44
uIsa 27:6
Jer 12:2
v1Ki 4:25
yPs 104:16
Isa 61:3
zEx 23:31
Ps 72:8
*Ge 15:18
1Ki 4:21
1Ch 18:3
*Ps 89:40
Isa 5:5
*Ps 89:41
Isa 18:6
Na 2:2
Lu 20:16
2Ki 18:9
2Ch 32:1
*2Ki 24:1
2Ki 25:1
2Ch 36:6
Jer 4:7
Jer 39:1
Jer 51:34
Jer 52:7
*Ps 69:6
Isa 63:17
Mal 3:7
Ac 15:16
*Ps 33:13
Isa 63:15
La 3:50

^a M, *sha-lish'*, meaning "third part," that is, of some measure not named and not known to us. ^b "God of armies," MSyT. "Jehovah God of powers," LXX, as in verse 19. ^c Doubtless the Euphrates River. ^d In the Hebrew noun the letter 'ayin is suspended to mark the middle of the Psalms. ^e *Elo-him'* *ts'ba.oth'*, M. See verse 4. ^f Or, "once again," to apply to the verbs in the next line.

- ^g And the stock^a that your right hand has
planted,^a
And [look] upon the son^b whom you have
made strong for yourself.^k
- ^h It is burned with fire, cut off.ⁿ
From the rebuke of your face they perish.^r
- ⁱ Let your hand prove to be upon the man^c of
your right hand,^s
Upon the son of mankind^d whom you have
made strong for yourself.^t
- ^j And we shall not turn back from you.^u
May you preserve us alive, that we may call
upon your own name.^v
- ^k O Jehovah God of armies,^e bring us back;^y
Light up your face, that we may be saved.^z
To the director upon the Git'tith.^a Of A'saph.^o
- 81** O CRY out joyfully to God our strength,^a
SHOUT in triumph to the God of Jacob.^o
- ² STRIKE up a melody^a and TAKE a tambourine,^o
The pleasant harp together with the
stringed instrument.^a
- ³ On the new moon BLOW the trumpet;^g^{or}
On the full moon, for the day of our fes-
tival.^{ck}
- ⁴ For it is a regulation for Israel,ⁿ
A judicial decision of the God^h of Jacob.^r
- ⁵ As a reminder he laid it upon Joseph^o himself,^s
When he was going forth over the land of
Egypt.^t

^a Or, "branch [of the vine]." Or, by a change of the first Hebrew letter, "garden." ^b "Son," M; "son of man," LXXVgSy; "king Messiah (anointed)," T. ^c "Man," M, *ish*. ^d "Mankind," M, *a-dam'*. ^e Compare verse 7a. ^f Compare the superscription of Psalm 8, footnote b. ^g Or, "sho'phar," M. ^h Or, by a transposing of two Hebrew letters, "tents," to correspond with the first half of the verse.

- A language^a that I did not know I kept hearing.^u
- ⁶ "I^b turned aside his shoulder even from compulsory service;^v
- "His hands themselves got to be free even from the basket.^v
- ⁷ "In distress you called and I proceeded to rescue you;^z
- "I began to answer you in the concealed place of thunder.^z
- "I went examining you at the waters of Mer'i.bah.^z *Se'lah.*
- ⁸ "Hear, O my people, and I will bear witness against you.^a
- "O Israel, if you will listen to me.⁶
- ⁹ "Among you there will prove to be no strange^c god,^c
- "And you will not bow down to a foreign god.^c
- ¹⁰ "I, Jehovah, am your God,^d
- "The One bringing you up out of the land of Egypt.^z
- "Open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.^k
- ¹¹ "But my people has not listened to my voice,ⁿ
- "And Israel itself has not showed any willingness toward me.^r
- ¹² "And so I let them go^e in the stubbornness of their heart;^s
- "They went walking in their own counsels.^t
- ¹³ "O that my people were listening to me,^u
- "O that Israel itself would walk in my very ways!^v
- ¹⁴ "Their enemies I would easily subdue^y

^a Literally, "lip," M, as in Genesis 11:1. ^b "I," MSyT; "He," LXXVg. ^c "God," M, *el.* ^d Or, "I am Jehovah your God [*Elo-him*]." ^e Literally, "I sent them away," M. Compare Exodus 5:1, 2.

- "And against their adversaries I would turn my hand.^z
- ¹⁵ "As for those intensely hating Jehovah, they will come cringing to him,^z
- "And their time will prove to be to time indefinite.^z
- ¹⁶ "And he will keep feeding him off the fat of the wheat,^z
- "And out of the rock I shall satisfy you with honey itself.^z
- A melody of A'saph.^z
- 82** God^a is stationing himself in the assembly^b of the Divine One;^b
- In the middle of the gods^c he judges:^c
- ² "How long will you keep on judging with injustice^k
- "And showing partiality to^d the wicked themselves?ⁿ *Se'lah.*
- ³ "Be judges for the lowly one and the fatherless boy;^r
- "Do justice even to the afflicted one and the one of little means.^s
- ⁴ "Provide escape for the lowly one and the poor one;^t
- "Out of the hand of the wicked ones deliver [them].^u
- ⁵ They have not known and they do not understand;^v
- In darkness they keep walking about;^v
- All the foundations of the earth are made to totter.^z

^a "God." M, *Elo-him*. ^b Or, "God." M, *El*; LXXVg, "gods"; Sy, "angels." ^c Or, "godlike ones." M, *elo-him*; LXX, *theoi*; Vg, *di'i*; Sy, "angels" (compare Psalm 8:5, footnote b); T, "judges." ^d Literally, "lifting up the faces of," M.

^a "I myself have said: 'You are gods,'
 "And all of YOU are sons of the Most High."

⁷ "Surely YOU will die just as men^b do,
 "And like any one of the princes YOU will fall.'"^c

⁸ Do rise up, O God,^c do judge the earth,⁺
 For you yourself should^d take possession
 of all the nations.^e

A song. A melody of A'saph.*

83 O God,^c let there be no silence on your
 part;*

Do not keep speechless and do not stay
 quiet,^k O Divine One.^{en}

² For, look! your very enemies are in an uproar,^r
 And the very ones intensely hating you
 have raised [their] head.*

³ Against your people they cunningly carry on
 their confidential talk,^t
 And they conspire against your concealed
 ones.^u

⁴ They have said: "Come and let us wipe them
 out from being a nation,^v
 "That the name of Israel may be remem-
 bered no more."^y

⁵ For with the heart they have unitedly ex-
 changed counsel;^z
 Against you they proceeded to conclude
 even a covenant,⁺

⁶ The tents of E'dom⁺ and the Ish'ma-el-ites,^o
 Mo'ab^a and the Hag'rites,^o

⁷ Ge'bal⁺ and Am'mon^o and Am'a-lek,^o

*Ex 22:9
 Ps 82:1
 Joh 10:34
 ☐ Joh 10:36

☐ Job 21:32
 Ps 49:12
 Ec 9:5
 Eze 31:14

☐ Ps 83:11
 Ps 146:3
 Ps 7:6
 Ps 96:13
 Ps 98:9

☐ Ps 2:8
 Ps 22:28
 Re 11:15
 ☐ Ch 6:39
 Ps 74:4

☐ Ps 28:1
 Ps 50:3
 kIsa 42:14
 nPs 50:1
 r2Kl 19:28

Ps 2:1
 Ps 74:4
 Ps 75:4
 Isa 37:23
 Da 5:20

☐ Isa 13:19
 Ps 64:2
 Lu 20:20
 uPs 27:5
 Ps 91:1

☐ Col 3:3
 vEx 1:10
 Es 3:6
 Pr 1:12
 Da 7:25

Ac 4:17
 Ac 9:2
 yJer 11:19
 Jer 31:36

zPs 2:2
 Pr 21:30
 Isa 7:5
 Joh 11:47

*Jos 10:5
 2Sa 10:8
 Isa 7:2
 Ac 23:12

☐ 2Ch 20:10
 ☐ 2Ch 20:1
 ☐ 1Ch 5:10
 1Ch 5:19
 ☐ Ge 18:11

*Jos 13:5
 Eze 27:9
 ☐ Ge 36:12
 ☐ Ge 19:38
 De 2:20

☐ Isa 2:6
 *Jos 19:29
 2Sa 24:7
 Isa 23:1
 ☐ Isa 19:23

*Ge 10:11
 2Kl 17:5
 kGe 19:37
 De 2:9

nNu 31:7
 rJg 4:15
 sJg 4:2
 tJg 4:7

☐ Jer 48:42
 uJos 17:11
 Isa 28:7
 v2Kl 9:37
 Jer 8:2

Zep 1:17
 yJg 7:25
 zJg 8:21

*2Ch 20:11
 Ps 74:8
 ☐ Isa 17:13

*Job 13:25
 Ps 35:5
 Isa 40:24
 Isa 41:2

☐ Job 13:24
 Mt 3:12
 ☐ Isa 30:33
 Isa 33:11

Eze 20:47
 Mal 4:1
 *De 32:22
 Job 41:21

Na 1:6
 *Job 9:17
 Ps 50:3
 Isa 30:30

Heb 12:18
 *Ps 11:6
 Ps 58:9
 Eze 13:11
 Mt 7:27

*Ps 6:10
 kDe 4:29
 Pr 18:10
 nPs 109:29
 rPs 40:15

Phi-lis'tia^o together with the inhabitants
 of Tyre.*

⁸ Also As-syr'i-a^o itself has become allied with
 them;*

They have become an arm to the sons of
 Lot.^{bk} Se'lah.

⁹ Do to them as to Mid'i-an,ⁿ as to Sis'e-ra,^r
 As to Ja'bin^s at the torrent valley of Ki'-
 shon.^t

¹⁰ They were annihilated^o at En'dor;^u
 They became manure for the ground.^v

¹¹ As for their nobles, make these like O'reb and
 like Ze'eb,^y

And like Ze'bah and like Zal-mun'na all
 their dukes,^z

¹² Who have said: "Let us take possession of the
 abiding places of God for ourselves."⁺

¹³ O my God, make them like a thistle whirl,^o
 Like stubble before a wind.^c

¹⁴ Like a fire that burns up the forest⁺
 And like a flame that scorches the moun-
 tains,⁺

¹⁵ In just that way may you pursue them with
 your tempest^o

And may you terrify them with your own
 stormwind.⁺

¹⁶ Fill their faces with dishonor,⁺
 That people^d may search for your name,
 O Jehovah.^k

¹⁷ O may they be ashamed and be terrified for
 all times,ⁿ

And may they become abashed and perish,^r

^a Or, "godlike ones." M, *elo-him'*; Sy, *al-a-him'*; LXX, *theoi*; Vg, *dei*; T, "like angels." ^b "Men." M, *a-dam'*. ^c "God." M, *Elo-him'*.
^d Or, "will." ^e Or, "O God." M, *El*.

^a Or, "As'shur," M; "As'sur," LXXVg. ^b "Sons of Lot"; that is, the Mo'abites and the Am'mon-ites, of verses 6, 7. ^c "Wind." M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *a'ne-mos*; Vg, *ventus*. Compare Genesis 1:2, footnote d. ^d Or, "they," M.

¹⁵ That people may know that you, whose name is Jehovah,^os

You alone are the Most High^t over all the earth.^{cu}

For the director upon the Git'tith.^{av}
Of the sons of Ko'rah.^y A melody.

84 How lovely your grand tabernacle is,
O Jehovah of armies!^z

² My soul has yearned and also pined away for the courtyards of Jehovah.*

My own heart^q and my very flesh cry out joyfully to the living God.^{ba}

³ Even the bird itself has found a house,^q
And the swallow* a nest for herself,
Where she has put her young ones[—]
Your grand altar,^c O Jehovah of armies,
my King and my God!^{dx}

⁴ Happy^o are those dwelling in your house!^h
They still keep on praising you.^k *Se'lah.*

⁵ Happy are the men^e whose strength is in you,^{fn}
In whose heart are the highways.^r

⁶ Passing along through the low plain of the
ba'ca bushes,^s

They turn it into a spring itself,
Even with blessings the instructor^u en-
wraps himself.

⁷ They will walk on from vital energy to vital
energy;^t

Each one appears to God^d in Zion.^{gk}

^a See Psalm 8 and footnote b on its superscription. ^b Or, "the Divine One." M, *El*. ^c Literally, "your altars," M; but likely in the plural of grandeur and magnificence. Compare "grand tabernacle" in verse 1. ^d "God." M, *El-o-him'*. ^e "Men." M, *a-dam'*. ^f "You." MVG; "you, O Jehovah," LXX; "your Meim'ra," T. ^g Or, by a slight correction in the Hebrew verb: "They will see the God of gods in Zion"; to agree with LXXVgSy, which read: "The God of gods will be seen in Zion."

Ps 149:1
Sg 2:4
Ex 3:29
Pr 8:29
Ge 14:18
Ps 46:4
Da 4:17
Lu 8:28
Ac 7:48
uDa 4:25
Mic 4:13
Zec 4:14
vPs 81 Sup
y1Ch 6:37
zPs 46:4
Ps 103:21
*Ps 63:1
oPs 9:1
*Isa 26:9
1Ti 4:10
*Lu 9:58
*Pr 26:2
*Ps 91:4
*1Ch 22:1
Heb 13:10
*Ps 23:6
Ps 27:4
Ps 65:4
Ps 134:1
Heb 3:6
*Ps 89:15
kPs 71:8
Ps 145:1
Isa 12:4
Re 7:15
nPs 28:7
Isa 45:24
Zec 10:12
rPs 40:8
Ps 55:14
Jer 31:33
s2Sa 5:23
uPr 5:13
Isa 30:20
t1Sa 2:4
2Sa 22:40
Ps 18:32
Hab 3:19
kDe 16:16
Ps 43:3
Isa 46:13
Jer 31:6
Zec 14:16

⁸ O Jehovah God^a of armies, do hear my prayer,^y
Do give ear, O God^a of Jacob.^y *Se'lah.*

⁹ O shield of ours, see, O God,^{az}
And look upon the face of your anointed
one.^{ba}

¹⁰ For a day in your courtyards is better than a
thousand [elsewhere].^q

I have chosen to stand at the threshold in
the house of my God^a

Rather than to move around in the tents of
wickedness.^q

¹¹ For Jehovah God is a sun^o and a shield;^{co}
Favor and glory are what he gives.*

Jehovah himself will not hold back anything
good from those walking in integrity.*

¹² O Jehovah of armies, happy is the man^e that
is trusting in you.^k

For the director. Of the sons of Ko'rah.ⁿ A melody.

85 You have taken pleasure, O Jehovah, in
your land;^r

You have brought back^d the ones taken
captive of Jacob.^s

² You have pardoned the error of your people;^t
You have covered all their sin.^u *Se'lah.*

³ You have controlled^e all your fury;^v
You have turned back from the heat of
your anger.^y

⁴ Return to us,^f O God of our salvation,^z
And break off your vexation with us.*

⁵ Is it to time indefinite that you will be incensed
at us?^q

vPs 4:1
yPs 17:1
zGe 15:1
*1Sa 2:10
Ps 2:2
Ac 10:38
oPs 27:4
Ps 63:2
*Ps 26:8
Ps 84:4
*Ps 17:14
Ps 141:4
*Ps 27:1
Isa 60:19
Mal 4:2
Re 21:23
*Ps 3:3
Ps 84:9
Pr 2:7
*2Co 3:18
2Co 4:17
*Ps 89:36
*Ps 144:2
*Job 1:1
Ps 15:2
Ps 34:9
Ps 85:12
Pr 2:7
kPs 2:12
Ps 62:8
Ps 146:5
Isa 30:18
Jer 17:7
n1Ch 6:37
*Le 26:42
Joe 2:18
Zec 1:16
sEzr 2:1
Ps 14:7
Ps 126:1
Jer 30:18
Eze 39:25
Joe 3:1
tPs 32:1
Jer 50:20
Mic 7:18
uPs 79:8
Ac 13:39
Col 2:13
vEx 32:11
De 13:17
yPs 30:5
Isa 12:1
zPs 27:1
Ps 80:3
*Isa 10:25
oPs 74:1
Mic 7:18

^a "God." M, *El-o-him'*. ^b Or, "(your) Messiah." M, *ma-shi'ahh*; Sy, *m'shi'hha*; LXX, *chris-tos*; Vg, *chris-tus*. ^c "Man." M, *a-dam'*. ^d To agree with LXXVgSyT. Literally, "You have returned to (with)," M. ^e Literally, "gathered in," M. ^f "Return to us," MT; "Bring us back," LXXVgSy.

Will you draw out your anger to generation after generation?^a

⁶ Will you yourself not enliven us again,⁶ That your people themselves may rejoice in you?⁷

⁷ Show us, O Jehovah, your loving-kindness,^a And your salvation may you give to us.⁸

⁸ I will hear what The [true] God^b Jehovah will speak.⁹

For he will speak peace to his people^k and to his men of loving-kindness,^a

But let them not return to self-confidence.¹

⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those fearing him,⁸

For glory to reside in our land.¹

¹⁰ Loving-kindness^a and truthness^c themselves have met each other;^u

Righteousness and peace themselves have kissed each other.^v

¹¹ Truthness^c itself will sprout out of the very earth,^v

And righteousness itself will look down from the very heavens.²

¹² Jehovah himself will also give what is good,⁸ And our own land will give its yield.³

¹³ Before him righteousness itself will walk⁴ And it will make a way by his steppings.⁶

A prayer of David.

86 Incline, O Jehovah, your ear. Answer me,⁵ For I am afflicted and poor.⁶

² O do guard my soul, for I am a man of loving-kindness.⁷

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b "The [true] God." M, *ha-El*. See Psalm 18: 32, footnote a. ^c Or, "truth." M, *em-eth*.

Ex 20:5
De 23:2
2Sa 21:6
1Ki 21:29
Mt 23:36
Ezr 9:8
Ps 138:7
Isa 57:15
Ho 6:2
Ezr 3:11
Ps 53:6
Jer 33:11
Ps 136:1
Ps 50:23
Ps 91:16
Jer 42:12
Hab 2:1
Heb 12:25
kPs 29:11
Isa 57:19
Ac 10:36
nPs 50:5
rPs 78:7
sPs 24:5
Ps 119:155
Isa 46:13
Ac 10:2
Pr 23:23
tIsa 4:5
Zec 2:5
Lu 2:32
uEx 34:6
Ps 89:14
Ps 100:5
Mic 7:20
vPs 72:3
Isa 32:16
Jer 23:5
Lu 2:14
yPs 57:10
Ps 61:7
zIsa 42:21
1Co 1:30
*Ps 84:11
Mic 6:8
Jas 1:17
cPs 67:6
Isa 30:23
1Co 3:6
dPs 89:14
Isa 58:8
ePs 119:35
1Jo 2:6
*Ps 31:2
ePs 34:6
Isa 66:2
1Sa 2:9
Ps 4:3
Ps 37:28
Ps 50:5

Save your servant[#]—you are my God—that is trusting in you.^k

³ Show me favor, O Jehovah,^a For to you I keep calling all day long.^r

⁴ Make the soul of your servant rejoice,⁸ For to you, O Jehovah,^a I lift up my very soul.^t

⁵ For you, O Jehovah,^a are good^u and ready to forgive,^v And the loving-kindness^b to all those calling upon you is abundant.^y

⁶ Do give ear, O Jehovah, to my prayer,² And do pay attention to the voice of my entreaties.⁸

⁷ In the day of my distress I will call upon you,³ For you will answer me.⁴

⁸ There is none like you among the gods,^c O Jehovah,^a Neither are there any works like yours.⁺

⁹ All the nations whom you have made will themselves come⁶ And they will bow down before you, O Jehovah,^a And will give glory to your name.⁸

¹⁰ For you are great and are doing wondrous things;^k You are God, you alone.ⁿ

¹¹ Instruct me, O Jehovah, about your way.^{or} I shall walk in your truth.^s Unify my heart to fear your name.^t

*Ps 119:94
1Pe 5:4
kPs 13:5
Ps 31:1
Isa 26:4
Ro 15:12
nPs 56:1
Ps 57:1
rPs 25:5
Ps 58:9
Lu 2:37
Eph 6:18
sPs 51:12
Isa 61:3
tPs 25:1
Ps 62:8
Ps 143:8
uPs 25:8
Ps 69:16
Lu 18:19
vNe 9:17
Isa 55:7
Da 9:9
Mic 7:18
yEx 34:6
Ps 145:18
Ro 10:13
zPs 5:1
Ps 17:1
*Ps 130:2
Ps 18:6
ePs 95:3
dPs 34:4
Ex 15:11
Ps 69:6
Isa 40:25
Jer 10:6
Da 3:29
*De 3:24
De 4:34
Ps 136:4
ePs 102:15
Isa 2:2
*Ps 66:4
Zec 14:9
*Ro 15:9
kPs 72:18
Da 6:27
nDe 6:4
De 32:39
1Co 8:4
rPs 25:4
cPs 146:9
sPs 26:3
Mal 2:6
2Jo 4
tJer 32:39
Mt 6:24

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgSy and many Hebrew manuscripts; *A-do-nay'*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A-do-nay'* in place of *Y'ho-wah'*. ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c "Gods." M, *el-o-him'*; LXX, *theoi'*; Vg, *di'i*; T, "lofty angels."

¹² I laud you, O Jehovah^a my God, with all my heart,^u

And I will glorify your name to time indefinite,^v

¹³ For your loving-kindness^b is great toward me,^y

And you have delivered my soul^c out of She'ol,^d its lowest place.^z

¹⁴ O God, the presumptuous ones themselves have risen up against me,^{*}

And the very assembly of tyrannical ones have looked for my soul,^q

And they have not set you in front of themselves.^a

¹⁵ But you, O Jehovah,^a are a God^e merciful and gracious,^q

Slow to anger^{*} and abundant in loving-kindness^b and trueness.^t

¹⁶ Turn to me and show me favor.^{*}

Do give your strength to your servant,^{*} And do save the son of your slave^e girl.^k

¹⁷ Work out with me a sign meaning goodness,ⁿ That those hating me may see [it] and be ashamed.^r

For you yourself, O Jehovah, have helped me and comforted me.^s

Of the sons of Ko'rah.^t A melody, a song.

87 His foundation is in the holy mountains.^u
² Jehovah is more in love with the gates of Zion^v

uDe 6:5
 Ps 9:1
 Ps 111:1
 Mt 22:37
 v1Ch 29:13
 Joh 12:28
 Ro 15:6
 yPs 57:10
 Ps 103:4
 Lu 1:58
 zDe 32:22
 Job 33:28
 Ps 56:13
 Isa 38:18
 *2Sa 15:12
 Ps 54:3
 q2Sa 17:11
 Mt 26:3
 Mt 27:1
 Ac 4:27
 ΔPs 10:4
 Eze 8:12
 ΔEx 34:6
 Nu 14:18
 *Ne 9:17
 Ps 103:8
 ΔPs 85:10
 *Ps 25:16
 *Ps 28:7
 Isa 45:24
 kLu 1:38
 Ga 4:22
 ΔPs 116:16
 nPs 41:11
 Isa 38:22
 rPs 71:13
 Ps 109:29
 Mic 7:8
 sPs 71:21
 t1Ch 6:37
 u2Ch 3:1
 Ps 48:1
 Ps 68:16
 Isa 2:2
 Heb 12:22
 vDe 12:5
 2Ch 6:6
 Ps 78:68
 Ps 132:13
 Isa 14:32
 Joe 2:32

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT and many Hebrew manuscripts; *A-do-nay*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A-do-nay* in place of *Y'ho-wah*. ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psyche*; Vg, *a'nima*. ^d M, *sh'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *infernus*. ^e "God." M, *El*. ^f Or, "truth." M, *em'eth*.

yNu 24:5
 zPs 48:2
 Isa 12:6
 Re 21:10
 *Ps 89:10
 Isa 51:9
 Δ1Kl 20:17
 Ps 137:7
 Isa 13:1
 ΔPs 60:8
 ΔPs 45:12
 Isa 23:1
 Eze 27:2
 *Ps 68:31
 Ac 8:27
 ΔJoh 3:3
 tPe 1:23
 tJo 3:9
 ΔIsa 44:5
 *Joh 3:5
 Ga 3:29
 Ga 4:31
 kPs 83:18
 nEze 48:35
 Ro 8:31
 Re 21:22
 rPs 22:30
 Isa 4:3
 Eze 9:4
 sPs 87:4
 tEx 15:20
 2Sa 6:14
 1Ch 15:16
 uPs 46:4
 Re 22:1
 v1Ch 6:37
 y1Kl 4:31
 1Ch 2:6
 zGe 49:18
 Ps 68:19
 Isa 12:2
 Lu 1:47
 *Ne 1:6
 Ps 86:3
 Lu 2:37
 ΔPs 22:2
 Isa 62:6
 Δ1Kl 8:30
 Ps 79:11
 ΔPs 141:1
 ΔDe 31:17
 Ps 27:5
 Ps 71:20
 ΔPs 107:18
 Isa 38:10

Than with all the tabernacles of Jacob.^y
³ Glorious things are being spoken about you, O city of The [true] God.^{az} *Se'lah*.

⁴ I shall make mention of Ra'habb^b and Babylon^c as among those knowing me; Here are Phi-lis'ti-a^d and Tyre,^e together with Cush:^d

"This is one who was born there."^g

⁵ And respecting Zion it will be said:^{*} "Each and every one^e was born in her."^h And the Most High^k himself will firmly establish her.ⁿ

⁶ Jehovah himself will declare, when recording the peoples:^r

"This is one who was born there."^s *Se'lah*.

⁷ There will also be singers as well as dancers of circle dances:^t

"All my springs are in you."^u

A song, a melody of the sons of Ko'rah.^v To the director over Ma'halath^f for making responses. Mas'kil^g of He'man^y the Ez'ra-hite.

88 O Jehovah the God of my salvation,^z By day I have cried out,^{*} In the night [also] in front of you.^q

² Before you my prayer will come.^a Incline your ear to my entreating cry.^q

³ For my soul has had enough of calamities,^{*} And my very life has come in touch even with She'ol.^h

^a "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him*'. Compare with Genesis 5:22, 24, footnote a. ^b Or, "the Stormer." T, "the Egyptians." ^c Or, "Ba'bel." MSy, *Babel*; LXXVg, "Babylon." ^d M, *Kush*; LXXVg, "the E.thi.o'pian people." ^e Or, "[This] man and [that] man." ^f See the superscription of Psalm 53, footnote a. ^g See the superscription of Psalm 32, footnote a. ^h M, *sh'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *infernus*.

⁴ I have been reckoned in among those going down to the pit;^a

I have become like an able-bodied man without strength,^a

⁵ Set free^c among the dead themselves,^k

Like slain ones lying in the burial place,ⁿ

Whom you have remembered no longer^r

And who have been cut off from your own [helping] hand.^s

⁶ You have put me in a pit of the lowest depths,^t

In dark places, in a large abyss.^{au}

⁷ Upon me your rage has thrown itself,^v

And with all your breaking waves you have afflicted [me].^x *Se'lah.*

⁸ You have put my acquaintances far away from me;^z

You have set me as something very detestable to them.^{*}

I am under restraint and cannot go forth.^z

⁹ My own eye has languished because of my affliction.^a

I have called on you, O Jehovah, all day long,^z

To you I have spread out my palms.^{*}

¹⁰ For the dead ones will you do marvelously?^z

Or will those impotent in death^b themselves arise,^x

Will they laud you?^z *Se'lah.*

¹¹ Will your loving-kindness^c be declared in the burial place^d itself,^k

^aJob 33:22

^bPs 28:1

^cPs 143:7

^dCo 1:9

^ePs 31:12

^fRo 5:6

^gIsa 58:6

^hIsa 14:9

ⁱIsa 38:11

^jPs 136:23

^kJob 6:9

^lPs 31:22

^mDe 32:22

ⁿPs 86:13

^oPs 130:1

^pRo 10:7

^qPs 38:1

^rPs 90:7

^sPs 102:10

^tRo 2:5

^uRe 15:7

^vPs 42:7

^wJon 2:3

^xJob 19:13

^yPs 31:11

^zPs 142:4

^aJoh 11:57

^bIsa 49:7

^cIsa 53:3

^dMt 27:21

^eJoh 15:24

^fJob 12:14

^gLa 3:7

^hJob 16:20

ⁱPs 38:10

^jPs 42:3

^kLa 3:49

^lPs 55:17

^mPs 86:3

ⁿ1Ki 8:54

^o2Ch 6:13

^pPs 44:20

^qPs 6:5

^rEc 9:10

^sEc 9:5

^tPs 30:9

^uPs 115:17

^vIsa 38:19

^wkIsa 38:11

Your faithfulness in [the place of] destruction?^{an}

¹² Will a marvel by you be known in the darkness itself,^r

Or your righteousness in the land of oblivion?^s

¹³ And yet to you, O Jehovah, I myself have called for help,^t

And in the morning my own prayer keeps confronting you.^u

¹⁴ Why is it, O Jehovah, that you reject my soul?^v

Why do you keep your face concealed from me?^y

¹⁵ I am afflicted and expiring from boyhood on;^z

I have borne frightful things from you very much.^{b*}

¹⁶ Over me your flashes of burning anger have passed;^z

Terrors from you yourself have brought me to silence.^a

¹⁷ They have surrounded me like waters all day long;^z

They have closed in upon me all at one time.^{*}

¹⁸ You have put far away from me friend and companion;^z

My acquaintances are a dark place.^{*}

Mas'kil.^c Of E'than the Ez'ra-hite.^{*}

89 Jehovah's expressions of loving-kindness^d I will sing about even to time indefinite.^k

ⁿJob 26:6

^oPs 55:23

^pPs 73:18

^qEc 3:20

^rJob 10:21

^sPs 143:3

^tMt 8:12

^uJude 13

^vPs 31:12

^wPs 88:5

^xEc 2:16

^yEc 8:10

^zPs 5:3

^aPs 46:1

^buPs 119:147

^cvPs 43:2

^dPs 77:7

^eMt 27:46

^fyJob 13:24

^gPs 13:1

^hzJob 17:1

ⁱIsa 53:3

^j*Job 6:4

^kPs 22:14

^lIsa 53:10

^mPs 38:1

ⁿPs 89:46

^oPs 90:7

^pRe 6:17

^qIsa 53:8

^rDa 9:26

^sMt 27:50

^tJob 16:13

^uPs 22:16

^vPs 69:2

^wMt 27:39

^x*Mt 27:1

^yPs 31:11

^zPs 88:8

^a*Ps 142:4

^bMt 26:75

^c*1Ki 4:31

^d1Ch 2:6

^ekPs 86:12

^fPs 101:1

^gPs 106:1

^hPs 136:1

ⁱAc 13:34

^a Literally, "abysses," M; but likely the plural number of grandeur.
^b "Those impotent in death." M, *repha'im*; LXXVg, "healers (medical doctors)"; Sy, "mighty ones (giants)"; T, "bodies dissolved in the dust." Compare Job 26:5, footnote e. ^c Or, "loyal love." ^d Or, "the grave," LXX; "sepulcher," Vg.

^a M, *abad-don'*; SyT, *ab-da'na*; LXX, "destruction"; Vg, "perdition." See Job 26:6, footnote f. ^b "Very much." Or, "I am embarrassed (confused)," LXXVgSy. The Hebrew word (*a-pu'nah*), used only once, is of doubtful meaning. ^c See Psalm 32, the superscription, footnote a. ^d Or, "loyal love."

For generation after generation I shall make your faithfulness known with my mouth.^a

² For I have said: "Loving-kindness^a will stay built even to time indefinite;"

"As for the heavens, you keep your faithfulness firmly established in them."^s

³ "I have concluded^b a covenant toward my chosen one;^t

"I have sworn to David my servant:^u

⁴ "Even to time indefinite I shall firmly establish your seed,^{c,v}

"And I will build^o your throne to generation after generation."^y *Se'lah*.

⁵ And the heavens will laud your marvelous act, O Jehovah,^z

Yes, your faithfulness in the congregation^d of the holy ones.*

⁶ For who in the skies can be compared to Jehovah?²

Who can resemble Jehovah among the sons of God?^{e,4}

⁷ God^f is to be held in awe among the intimate group of holy ones;^g

He is grand and fear-inspiring over all who are round about him.^h

⁸ O Jehovah^g God of armies,^o

Who is vigorous like you, O Jah?^{g,p}

And your faithfulness is all around you.^h

⁹ You are ruling over the swelling of the sea;^k

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Literally, "cut." ^c Or, "offspring." ^d M, *ga-hal'*; LXXVg, "ec-cle'sia." ^e "God." M, *El'im'*; the plural number of *El*, evidently being the plural of majesty or excellence; LXX, *The-os'*; Vg, *De-us'*; Sy, "(sons of) the angels [or, the angelic sons]"; T, "(crowds of) the angels." Compare Job 1:6, footnotes g, a; Job 38:7, footnote a. ^f "God." Or, "The Divine One." M, *El*. ^g "Jah." See Psalm 68:4, footnote a.

nPs 36:5
Ps 119:90
rNe 1:5
sPs 119:89
Heb 6:18
t2Sa 7:8
Lu 1:32
uPs 132:11
Ac 2:30
v2Sa 7:12
Re 22:16
y2Sa 7:13
Lu 1:33
Heb 1:8
zPs 19:1
Ps 50:6
Lu 2:13
Eph 3:10
1Pe 1:12
Re 5:11
oPs 105:6
oPs 102:16
*De 33:2
Da 7:10
2Th 1:7
Heb 12:22
Jude 14
Re 19:1
oEx 15:11
Ps 71:19
Ps 88:8
Jer 10:6
aGe 6:2
Ps 29:1
oLe 10:3
Isa 6:2
Ne 1:5
Heb 12:29
Re 15:4
oPs 84:12
Isa 28:22
*Ps 24:8
Ps 147:5
Isa 40:26
Jer 32:17
#De 32:31
Isa 2:2
Ps 71:19
Da 7:10
oJer 15:16
oIsa 1:9
pPs 94:7
kJob 38:8
Ps 29:10
Na 1:4

When it raises up its waves you yourself calm them.ⁿ

¹⁰ You yourself have crushed Ra'h^ab,^{ar} even as someone slain.^s

By the arm of your strength you have scattered your enemies.^t

¹¹ Heaven is yours,^u the earth also is yours;^v

The productive land^b and what fills it^y—you yourself have founded them.^z

¹² The north and the south^c—you yourself created^o them;^{*}

Ta'bor² and Her'mon^a—in your name they cry out joyfully.^g

¹³ An arm with mightiness is yours,^{*}

Your hand is strong,^g

Your right hand is exalted.^{*}

¹⁴ Righteousness and judgment are the established place of your throne;^h

Loving-kindness^d and trueness^e themselves come in before your face.^k

¹⁵ Happy^o are the people knowing the joyful shouting.ⁿ

O Jehovah, in the light of your face they keep walking.^r

¹⁶ In your name they are joyful all day long^s

And in your righteousness they are exalted.^t

¹⁷ For you are the beauty of their strength,^u

And by your good will our horn is exalted.^v

¹⁸ For our shield belongs to Jehovah,^y

And our king belongs to the Holy One of Israel.^z

nPs 65:7
Ps 93:3
Ps 107:25
rPs 87:4
Isa 30:7
sEx 15:4
tEx 3:20
De 4:34
u1Ch 29:11
v1Ch 10:26
yPs 24:1
zGe 1:1
*Job 26:7
oJos 19:22
Jg 4:6
aDe 3:8
cPs 65:12
eEx 6:6
De 4:34
oIsa 4:5
eEx 13:3
De 6:21
Da 4:35
1Pe 5:6
*Ps 44:3
#De 32:4
Ps 45:6
Ps 97:2
Ps 145:17
Pr 16:12
Re 15:3
kPs 85:10
Joh 1:17
nPs 33:3
Ps 98:4
Lu 2:10
oPs 106:3
rNu 6:26
Ps 4:6
Isa 2:5
Re 21:23
sPs 20:7
Ps 33:21
Ps 44:8
Lu 1:47
tPs 71:15
Isa 45:24
Ro 1:17
uPs 28:7
2Co 12:9
v1Sa 2:10
Ps 75:10
Ps 92:10
yPs 47:9
Isa 32:2
cIsa 1:24
zPs 2:6

^a Or, "the Stormer." LXXVg, "the arrogant (haughty) one." T, "the arrogant one, that is, impious Phar'ah." ^b "The productive land." M, *te-bel'*; LXX, "the inhabited earth"; Vg, *or'bis ter'rae* ("the circle of the earth"). ^c "South." Literally, "right (side)," as one faces east, M. ^d Or, "loyal love." ^e Or, "truthfulness"; or, "truth." M, *em-eth'*.

- ¹⁰ At that time you spoke in a vision^o to your men of loving-kindness^a
And you proceeded to say:
"I have placed help upon a mighty one;^c
"I have exalted a chosen one from among the people.^a
- ²⁰ "I have found David my servant;^d
"With my holy oil I have anointed^o him,^a
²¹ "With whom my own hand will be firm,^e
"Whom my own arm also will strengthen.^x
- ²² "No enemy will make exactions upon him,^f
"Neither will any son of unrighteousness afflict him.^k
- ²³ "And because of him I crushed his adversaries to pieces,ⁿ
"And to those intensely hating him I kept dealing out blows.^r
- ²⁴ "And my faithfulness and my loving-kindness^a are with him,^s
"And in my name his horn is exalted.^t
- ²⁵ "And on the sea I have put his hand^u
"And on the rivers his right hand.^v
- ²⁶ "He himself calls out to me: 'You are my Father,^y
"My God^z and the Rock of my salvation.'^z
- ²⁷ "Also I myself shall place him as first-born,^{cc}
"The most high of the kings of the earth.^a
- ²⁸ "To time indefinite I shall preserve my loving-kindness^a toward him,^o
"And my covenant will be faithful^b to him.^a
- ²⁹ "And I shall certainly set up his seed^c forever^o
"And his throne as the days^o of heaven.^x
- ³⁰ "If his sons leave my law^a
"And in my judicial decisions they do not walk,^k

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Or, "lasting." ^c Or, "offspring."

Pr 29:18
*2Sa 7:4
1Sa 16:18
Isa 9:6
2Sa 7:8
Heb 2:17
1Sa 16:1
1Ch 17:7
1Sa 16:13
2Sa 5:17
Ac 10:38
1Sa 61:1
2Sa 7:9
Ps 80:15
Isa 42:1
Isa 49:8
Ps 18:32
Isa 41:10
1Ch 17:9
Mt 4:11
Joh 14:30
k2Sa 17:10
Joh 17:12
2Th 2:3
n2Sa 3:1
2Sa 22:41
rLe 26:21
Ps 21:8
Ps 110:1
Lu 19:27
Joh 15:24
s2Sa 7:15
1Ch 17:13
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t1Sa 2:1
Ps 91:14
Joh 17:6
uEx 23:31
Ps 72:8
v1Ki 4:21
Ps 80:11
y2Sa 7:14
Mt 26:39
Lu 23:46
oPs 94:1
cIsa 14:30
z2Sa 22:3
Mr 15:34
*2Sa 22:47
Ac 2:32
ccCol 1:18
a1Ti 6:15
Re 19:16
*Ac 13:34
*2Sa 23:5
Lu 22:29
sGa 3:29
oPs 110:5
*Heb 1:8
*2Sa 7:14
Ps 119:53
Pr 4:2
kEze 18:9
Lu 1:6

- ³¹ "If they profane my own statutes^{cn}
"And they do not keep my own commandments,^r
- ³² "Then I must turn my attention to their transgression even with a rod^s
"And to their error even with strokes.^t
- ³³ "But my loving-kindness^a I shall not break off from him,^u
"Nor shall I prove false with regard to my faithfulness.^v
- ³⁴ "I shall not profane my covenant,^{sy}
"And the expression out of my lips I shall not change.^z
- ³⁵ "Once I have sworn^o in my holiness,^a
"To David I will not tell lies.^o
- ³⁶ "His seed itself will prove to be even to time indefinite^a
"And his throne as the sun^o in front of me.^o
- ³⁷ "As the moon it will be firmly established for time indefinite^a
"And be a faithful witness^o in the skies."^{oo}
Se'lah.
- ³⁸ But you—you have rejected and you keep contemning;^x
You have become furious toward your anointed one.^{b*}
- ³⁹ You have spurned the covenant of your servant;
You have profaned his diadem to the very earth.ⁿ
- ⁴⁰ You have broken down all his stone pens;^r
You have laid his fortifications in ruin.^s
- ⁴¹ All those passing along the way have pillaged him;^t

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b "Anointed one." M, *ma.shi'alah*; SyT, *m'shi'hha*; LXX, *christos*; Vg, *christus*.

- He has become a reproach to his neighbors.^u
- ⁴² You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries;^v
You have caused all his enemies to rejoice.^y
- ⁴³ What is more, you again treat his sword as a foe,^z
And you have caused him not to gain ground in the battle.*
- ⁴⁴ You have made [him] cease from his luster,[□]
And his throne you have hurled to the very earth.⁴
- ⁴⁵ You have shortened the days of his youth;
You have enwrapped him with shame.⁵
Se'lah.
- ⁴⁶ How long, O Jehovah, will you keep yourself concealed? For all time?⁶
Will your rage keep on burning just like a fire?⁷
- ⁴⁷ Remember of what duration of life I am.^a⁸
Is it all in vain that you have created all the sons of men?^b^k
- ⁴⁸ What able-bodied man is there alive⁹ who will not see death?ⁿ
Can he provide escape for his soul^c from the hand of She'ol?^d *Se'lah.*
- ⁴⁹ Where are your former acts of loving-kindness,^e O Jehovah,^f
About which you swore to David in your faithfulness?^t

^a Or, probably, "Remember, O Jehovah, what the duration of life is." ^b "Men." M, *a.dam'*. ^c "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psyche*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*. ^d "She'ol." M, *sh'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *in'ferus*. ^e Or, "loyal love." ^f "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT and a number of Hebrew manuscripts; *A.donay'*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.donay'* instead of *Y'ho-wah'*.

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yLa 2:17
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2Ch 25:8
*Nu 14:45
Jos 7:4
□1Ki 12:16
La 4:2
4Eze 21:26
Lu 21:24
2Ch 10:19
Ps 44:15
Isa 63:18
Eze 21:25
Mic 7:10
8Ps 13:1
*Ps 78:21
*Job 7:7
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sPs 77:9
Isa 63:7
t2Sa 3:9
Ps 89:3
Ps 132:11
Ac 2:30
Heb 7:21

- ⁵⁰ Remember, O Jehovah,^a the reproach upon your servants,^u
My carrying in my bosom [the reproach of] all the many peoples,^v
- ⁵¹ How your enemies have reproached, O Jehovah,^y
How they have reproached the footprints of your anointed one.^z
- ⁵² Blessed be Jehovah to time indefinite. Amen and Amen.*

BOOK FOUR

(Psalms 90—106)

A prayer of Moses, the man of The [true] God.^c

- 90** O Jehovah,^d you yourself have proved to be a real dwelling for us⁴
During generation after generation.⁵
- ² Before the mountains themselves were born,⁶
Or you proceeded to bring forth as with labor pains the earth⁷ and the productive land,^e
Even from time indefinite to time indefinite you are God.^f

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT and a number of Hebrew manuscripts; *A.donay'*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.donay'* instead of *Y'ho-wah'*. ^b "Anointed one." M, *ma-shi'ah*; SyT, *m'shi'hah*; LXX, *christos*; Vg, *christus*. ^c "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him*; *El-o-him* being preceded by the definite article *ha*. Compare Deuteronomy 33:1, footnote a. ^d "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT and some Hebrew manuscripts; *A.donay'* ("Sovereign Lord"), M; this being one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.donay'* instead of *Y'ho-wah'*. ^e Or, by one change in vowel-pointing of the Hebrew text: "Or the earth and the productive land were brought forth with labor pains." Compare LXXVgT. ^f Or, "the Divine One." M, *El*; Sy, *A-la'ha*; Vg, *De'us*.

- ³ You make mortal man^a go back to crushed matter^{b,k}
And you say: "Go back, YOU sons of men."^{en}
- ⁴ For a thousand years^o are in your eyes but as yesterday when it is past^r
And as a watch during the night.^{es}
- ⁵ You have swept them away;^t they become a mere sleep;^u
In the morning [they are] just like green grass that changes.^v
- ⁶ In the morning it puts forth blossoms and must change;^y
At evening^o it withers and certainly dries up.^z
- ⁷ For we have come to an end in your anger,^{*}
And by your rage we have become terrified.^c
- ⁸ You have set our errors right in front of you,^z
Our hidden things before your bright face.^d
- ⁹ For all our days have come to their decline in your fury;^{*}
We have finished our years just like a whisper.^o
- ¹⁰ In themselves the days of our years are seventy years,^{*}
And if because of special mightiness they are eighty years,[#]
Yet their insistence is on trouble and hurtful things,^k
For it must quickly pass by and away we fly.ⁿ
- ¹¹ Who is there knowing the strength of your anger^r
And your fury according to the fear of you?^s
- ¹² Show [us] just how to count our days in such a way^t

^a "Mortal man." M, *e.nōsh'*. ^b Or, "to dust," as crushed or pulverized earth. ^c "Men." M, *a.dam'*. ^d Literally, "the luminary of your face," M.

kGe 3:19
Nu 14:35
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Isa 29:7
vPs 103:15
Isa 40:6
Jas 1:10
1Pe 1:24
yJob 14:2
Mt 6:30
cPs 104:23
zPs 92:7
Jas 1:11
*Nu 17:12
De 2:14
Ps 39:11
Heb 3:11
oEx 14:31
Ro 2:8
aLe 26:39
Ne 9:2
Ps 50:21
oPs 19:12
Pr 5:21
Lu 12:2
Heb 4:13
*Ps 78:33
oPs 39:5
*Ge 47:8
*De 34:7
k2Sa 19:35
1Ki 1:1
Ec 12:3
nJob 14:10
Job 24:24
Ps 78:39
Isa 38:12
Lu 12:20
Jas 4:14
rLe 26:18
De 28:59
De 29:20
Na 1:6
sIsa 33:14
Lu 12:5
Re 6:16
tDe 32:29
Ps 39:4
Joh 9:4

uJob 28:28
Pr 2:2
vPs 6:4
Zec 1:16
zPs 89:46
*Ex 32:14
De 32:36
Ps 106:45
Am 7:3
oPs 36:7
Ps 63:3
Jer 31:14
aPs 23:6
Ps 86:4
Ps 149:2
Php 4:4
cPs 30:5
Ps 126:5
Isa 12:1
Mt 5:4
Joh 16:20
*De 2:14
eNu 14:17
Ps 44:1
*Nu 14:31
De 1:39
*Ps 27:4
kPs 68:28
nPr 16:3
1Co 3:7
rPs 18:11
sPs 27:5
Ps 52:8
Ps 90:1
Eze 11:16
tJg 9:15
Ps 36:7
Ps 57:1
Isa 4:6
cIsa 13:6
uDe 32:30
Ps 18:2
Ps 46:1
Pr 18:10
vDe 26:17
Ps 62:8
Heb 11:16
yJob 18:9
Ps 124:7
1Ti 6:9
zEx 5:3
Le 26:25
Nu 16:46
cJer 14:12

- That we may bring in a heart of wisdom.^u
- ¹³ Do return, O Jehovah!^v How long will it be?^z
And feel sorry for your servants.^{*}
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your loving-kindness,^{a,c}
That we may cry out joyfully and may rejoice during all our days.^z
- ¹⁵ Make us rejoice correspondingly to the days that you have afflicted us,^o
The years that we have seen calamity.^{*}
- ¹⁶ May your activity appear to your own servants^o
And your splendor upon their sons.^{*}
- ¹⁷ And let the pleasantness of Jehovah^b our God prove to be upon us,[#]
And the work of our hands do you firmly establish upon us.^k
Yes, the work of our hands, do you firmly establish it.ⁿ

- 91** Anyone dwelling in the hiding place^s of the Most High^s
Will procure himself lodging under the very shadow of the Almighty^o One.^t
- ² I will say to Jehovah:^c "[You are] my refuge and my stronghold,^u
"My God, in whom I will trust."^v
- ³ For he himself will deliver you from the trap of the birdcatcher,^y
From the ruinous pestilence.^{oz}

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT and many Hebrew manuscripts; *A.do.nay'*, M; this being one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.do.nay'* in place of *Y'ho.vah'*. ^c "Jehovah," MVgSyT. יהוה, M; *יְהוָה*, these old Hebrew letters being found in the Greek text according to Aquila's version found on three palimpsest folios from the synagogue genizah at Old Cairo, Egypt. See Psalm 22:23, footnote b.

- ⁴ With his pinions he will block approach to you,*
And under his wings you will take refuge.^o
His trueness will be a large shield and bulwark.^{a4}
- ⁵ You will not be afraid^o of anything dreadful by night,^o
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,*
⁶ Nor of the pestilence that walks in the gloom,^o
Nor of the decimation that despoils at midday.*
- ⁷ A thousand will fall at your very side*
And ten thousand at your right^o hand;^k
To you it will not come near.ⁿ
- ⁸ Only with your eyes will you look on*
And see the retribution itself of the wicked ones.^s
- ⁹ Because you [said]: "Jehovah^b is my refuge,"^t
You have made even the Most High your dwelling;^u
- ¹⁰ No calamity will befall you,^v
And not even a plague^o will draw near to your tent.^y
- ¹¹ For he will give his own angels^o a command concerning you,^z
To guard you in all your ways.*
- ¹² Upon their hands they will carry you,^o
That you may not strike your foot against any stone.^{aa}
- ¹³ Upon the young lion and the cobra you will tread;^o
You will trample down the maned young lion* and the big snake.^o
- ¹⁴ For he has set his affection even on me* and
I shall provide him with escape.*

^a Or, "mail shirt." ^b See verse 2, footnote c.

kPs 9:10
Joh 17:3
Ga 4:9
nPs 10:17
Ro 10:13
Feb 5:7
rPs 23:4
sPs 138:7
sPs 37:40
1Pe 1:21
tGe 25:8
Ps 21:4
Pr 3:2
uPs 16:11
Isa 45:17
Lu 2:30
Lu 3:6
vPs 33:2
Ps 54:6
Eph 5:20
yPs 82:6
Isa 57:15
zPs 71:15
Ps 89:1
Isa 63:7
*Ps 42:8
Ps 77:2
Ac 16:25
1Ch 15:16
Ps 33:2
1Ch 15:16
2Ch 29:25
Ps 57:8
De 32:4
Ps 126:3
Ps 145:6
2Co 2:14
*Ps 104:31
Isa 65:13
Lu 1:47
*Ps 40:5
Ps 66:3
Ps 104:24
Re 15:3
*Ps 139:17
Ec 7:24
Isa 28:29
Jer 23:20
Ro 11:33
*Ps 73:22
Ps 94:8
Pr 30:2
1Co 2:14
*Pr 19:12
k1Sa 25:25
Ps 14:1
Pr 1:22
Lu 12:20
nPs 37:35
r1Pe 1:24

- I shall protect him^a because he has come to know my name.^k
- ¹⁵ He will call upon me and I shall answer him.ⁿ
I shall be with him in distress.^r
I shall rescue him and glorify him.^s
- ¹⁶ With length of days I shall satisfy him,^t
And I shall cause him to see salvation by me.^u

A melody, a song, for the sabbath day.

- 92** It is good to give thanks to Jehovah^{bv}
And to make melody to your name,
O Most High,^y
- ² To tell in the morning about your loving-kindness^{cz}
And about your faithfulness during the nights,*
- ³ Upon a ten-stringed instrument and upon the lute,^o
By resounding music on the harp.^a
- ⁴ For you have made me rejoice, O Jehovah,^b
because of your activity;^o
Because of the works of your hands I cry out joyfully.*
- ⁵ How great your works are, O Jehovah!^{bb}
Very deep your thoughts are.^x
- ⁶ No unreasoning man himself can know [them],*
And no one stupid can understand this.^k
- ⁷ When the wicked ones sprout as the vegetation^{on}
And all the practicers of what is hurtful blossom forth,^r

^a Or, "I shall place him on high," that is, out of reach. ^b "Jehovah." M, יהוה; Aq, יייה; see Psalm 91:2, footnote c. ^c Or, "loyal love."

It is that they may be annihilated forever.^a
^a But you are on high to time indefinite, O Jehovah.^{at}

^b For, look! your enemies, O Jehovah,^{au}
 For, look! your own enemies will perish,^v
 All the practicers of what is hurtful will be
 separated from one another.^y

¹⁰ But you will exalt my horn like that of a wild
 bull,^{bz}

I shall moisten [myself]^c with fresh oil.^{c*}

¹¹ And my eye will look on my foes;^{d*}
 My ears will hear about the very ones who
 rise up against me, the evildoers.^A

¹² The righteous himself will blossom forth as
 a palm tree does;[†]

As a cedar in Leb'a-non does, he will grow
 big.^{*}

¹³ Those who are planted in the house of Je-
 hovah,[®]

In the courtyards of our God,^{*} they will
 blossom forth.[†]

¹⁴ They will still keep on thriving during gray-
 headedness,^k

Fat and fresh they will continue to be,ⁿ

¹⁵ To tell that Jehovah is upright.^r
 [He is] my Rock,^s in whom there is no
 unrighteousness.^t

93^e Jehovah himself has become king!^u
 With eminence he is clothed;^v
 Jehovah is clothed, has girded himself even
 with strength.^y

^a See verse 1, footnote b. ^b Or, "a buffalo." LXXVg, "unicorn."
^c "You have moistened me," SyT. ^d "Foes," LXXVgSy; "walls," M.
^e LXX has the superscription: "For the day before the sabbath,
 when the earth was settled (peopled). The praise of a song by
 David."

1Sa 25:37
 Ps 37:38
 tPs 83:18
 Ps 102:27
 uJg 5:31
 vPs 68:2
 yNu 10:35
 De 28:7
 zNu 23:22
 1Sa 2:1
 Ps 112:9
 Lu 1:69
 *Ps 23:5
 2Co 1:21
 1Sa 41:19
 1Ps 37:34
 Ps 54:7
 Ps 59:10
 Ps 91:8
 Ps 112:8
 1Sa 26:8
 2Sa 1:2
 2Sa 18:31
 1Ps 52:8
 Isa 55:13
 Isa 65:22
 Ho 14:6
 *Ps 104:16
 Ps 148:9
 Am 2:9
 1Sa 60:21
 Ro 11:17
 Eph 3:17
 2Ch 4:9
 Ps 100:4
 Ps 135:2
 *Isa 61:3
 1Co 3:9
 k1Ch 29:28
 Ps 1:3
 Ps 71:18
 Isa 46:4
 nJer 17:8
 Eze 47:8
 r1Co 1:9
 Tit 1:2
 sDe 32:4
 Ps 18:2
 tPs 145:17
 Ro 9:14
 2Th 1:6
 uPs 96:10
 Re 11:17
 Re 19:6
 vDe 33:21
 Ps 104:1
 Ps 26:10
 yPs 65:6

zPs 18:15
 Ps 96:10
 cPs 122:5
 *Ps 145:13
 1Ps 90:2
 1Ps 69:2
 Isa 17:12
 Jer 46:7
 cPs 98:8
 Isa 55:12
 *Ps 2:1
 Ps 107:25
 Ps 124:4
 cPs 65:7
 Ps 89:9
 Ps 114:3
 Jer 5:22
 *Ps 8:1
 Ps 16:3
 Ps 76:4
 Isa 33:21
 *Ps 19:7
 Ps 119:111
 Isa 8:20
 1Jo 5:9
 cIsa 5:16
 cPs 149:7
 kLe 19:2
 Ps 99:5
 1Pe 1:16
 nDe 32:35
 Isa 35:4
 Jer 50:28
 Na 1:2
 Ro 12:19
 2Th 1:6
 Heb 10:30
 rPs 80:1
 sGe 18:25
 Ps 50:6
 Ro 14:10
 tJob 40:11
 Ps 31:23
 1Pe 5:5
 uPs 74:10
 vAc 12:23
 yPs 59:7
 zRo 1:29
 2Co 5:12
 *Ps 14:4
 Jer 50:11
 Re 11:3
 cPs 119:19
 aIsa 10:2

The productive land^a also becomes firmly
 established so that it cannot be made
 to totter.^z

² Your throne^c is firmly established from long
 ago;^{*}

You are from time indefinite.[†]

³ The rivers have raised, O Jehovah,^A
 The rivers have raised their sound;[†]
 The rivers keep raising their pounding.[†]

⁴ Above the sounds of vast waters, the majestic
 breaking waves of the sea,[®]
 Jehovah is majestic^{*} in the height.

⁵ Your own reminders have proved very trust-
 worthy.^{*}

Holiness is befitting to your own house,
 O Jehovah, for length of days.^k

94^b O God^c of acts of vengeance,^o Jehovah,ⁿ
 O God^c of acts of vengeance, beam
 forth!^r

² Raise yourself up, O Judge of the earth.^s
 Bring back a retribution upon the haughty
 ones.^t

³ How long are the wicked, O Jehovah,^u
 How long are the wicked themselves going
 to exult?^v

⁴ They keep bubbling forth, they keep speaking
 unrestrained;^y

All the practicers of what is hurtful keep
 bragging about themselves.^z

⁵ Your people, O Jehovah, they keep crushing,^{*}
 And your possession they keep afflicting.[†]

⁶ The widow and the temporary^c resident they
 kill,^A

^a "The productive land." M, *te.bēl'*; LXX, "The inhabited earth";
 Vg, *or'bis ter'rae* ("the circle of the earth"). ^b LXX has the super-
 scription: "A psalm of David, for the fourth day of the week."
^c "God." M, *El*.

And the fatherless boys they murder.^a
 7 And they keep saying: "Jah^a does not see,"
 "And the God^b of Jacob does not under-
 stand [it]."^a

8 Understand, you who are unreasoning among
 the people,^a

And as for you stupid ones, when will you
 have any insight?^a

9 The One planting the ear, can he not hear?^k
 Or the One forming the eye, can he not
 look?ⁿ

10 The One correcting the nations, can he not
 reprove,^r

Even the One teaching men^c knowledge?^o

11 Jehovah is knowing the thoughts of men,^c
 that they are as an exhalation.^t

12 Happy is the able-bodied man^d whom you
 correct,^u O Jah,^a

And whom you teach out of your own law,^v

13 To give him quietness from days of calamity,^y
 Until for the wicked one a pit is excavated.^z

14 For Jehovah will not forsake his people,^{*}
 Nor will he leave his own possession.^o

15 For judicial decision will return even to right-
 eousness,^a

And all the upright in heart will follow it.^o

16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers?^{*}
 Who will take his stand for me against the
 practitioners of hurtfulness?^o

17 Unless Jehovah had been a help to me,^{*}
 In a little while my soul would have re-
 sided in silence.^o

18 When I said: "My foot will certainly move
 unsteadily,"^k

^aJer 7:6
^bPs 102:18
^cPs 10:11
^dEze 8:12
^eIsa 29:15
^fZep 1:12
^gLu 18:4
^hPs 49:10
ⁱPr 12:1
^jRo 3:11
^kDe 32:31
^lIsa 25:25
^mPr 1:22
ⁿTit 3:3
^okEx 4:11
^pPs 139:1
^qnPs 11:4
^rPs 17:3
^sPs 44:21
^tPr 20:12
^urPs 9:5
^vPs 44:2
^wIsa 10:12
^xHab 1:12
^yHab 3:12
^zPs 139:6
^{aa}sJob 35:11
^{ab}Ps 25:8
^{ac}Joh 6:45
^{ad}tJob 7:16
^{ae}Ps 39:5
^{af}Ro 1:21
^{ag}1Co 1:19
^{ah}uPs 119:71
^{ai}Pr 3:11
^{aj}Heb 12:6
^{ak}vJob 33:16
^{al}Isa 8:20
^{am}Isa 54:13
^{an}yIsa 26:20
^{ao}Hab 3:16
^{ap}Ps 9:15
^{aq}Ps 55:23
^{ar}2Pe 2:9
^{as}1Sa 12:22
^{at}Ps 37:28
^{au}Jer 32:40
^{av}Heb 13:5
^{aw}De 32:9
^{ax}1Pe 2:9
^{ay}De 32:36
^{az}Ps 7:3
^{ba}Ps 53:11
^{bb}Ps 125:4
^{bc}2K1 10:15
^{bd}Mt 12:30
^{be}Jer 26:16
^{bf}Ps 118:13
^{bg}2Co 1:10
^{bh}Ps 13:3
^{bi}Ex 9:5
^{bj}k1Sa 2:9
^{bk}Ps 121:3

^{bn}Ps 37:24
^{bo}Ps 43:5
^{bp}Ps 61:2
^{bq}Ps 63:6
^{br}Ps 77:3
^{bs}Jer 20:12
^{bt}sPs 71:21
^{bu}Ps 86:17
^{bv}t1Sa 22:13
^{bw}Job 6:30
^{bx}Ps 82:1
^{by}Joh 19:15
^{bz}uGe 47:26
^{ca}1K1 21:10
^{cb}Es 3:9
^{cc}Isa 10:1
^{cd}Da 3:5
^{ce}Da 6:7
^{cf}Joh 11:57
^{cg}Ac 4:18
^{ch}Ac 5:28
^{ci}Re 13:15
^{cj}vPs 59:3
^{ck}y1K1 21:19
^{cl}Pr 17:15
^{cm}Mt 23:37
^{cn}Ac 7:58
^{co}zPs 59:9
^{cp}*Ps 18:2
^{cq}Es 7:10
^{cr}Ps 7:16
^{cs}2Th 1:6
^{ct}1Sa 26:10
^{cu}*Ps 12:3
^{cv}*Ex 15:1
^{cw}Ps 47:6
^{cx}Ps 66:1
^{cy}De 32:15
^{cz}2Sa 22:47
^{da}Ps 89:26
^{db}Ps 95:4
^{dc}Isa 2:10

^{de}*Ps 100:2
^{df}*Ps 105:2
^{dg}2Co 2:14
^{dh}kPs 47:2
^{di}Jer 10:10
^{dj}Da 4:37
^{dk}Mal 1:14
^{dl}Ps 144:15
^{dm}Isa 21:9
^{dn}Pr 6:10
^{do}nEx 18:11
^{dp}Ps 135:5
^{dq}Isa 44:8
^{dr}Ps 135:6

Your own loving-kindness,^a O Jehovah,
 kept sustaining me.ⁿ

19 When my disquieting thoughts became many
 inside of me,^r

Your own consolations began to fondle my
 soul.^s

20 Will the throne of engulfing ruin be allied
 with you^t

While it is framing trouble by decree?^u

21 They make sharp attacks on the soul of the
 righteous one^v

And pronounce guilty even the blood of the
 innocent one.^y

22 But Jehovah will become a secure height for
 me,^z

And my God the rock of my refuge.^{*}

23 And he will turn back upon them their hurt-
 fulness^o

And will silence them with their own
 calamity.^a

Jehovah our God will silence them.^o

95 O come let us cry out joyfully to
 Jehovah!^t

Let us shout in triumph to our Rock^o of
 salvation.^o

2 Let us come before his person^b with thanks-
 giving;^{*}

Let us with melodies shout in triumph to
 him.^{*}

3 For Jehovah^o is a great God^{ck}

And a great King over all other gods,^don
 4 He in whose hand^o are the inmost depths^e of
 the earth^r

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b "Person." Literally, "face." Compare Exodus 33:14, 15, footnotes b, e, and 2 Samuel 17:11, footnote b. ^c "God." M, El. ^d "Gods." M, *el-o-him*. ^e Or, "the ranges (for exploration)." LXX, "the distant places" (this also by an exchange of places of two letters in the Hebrew word).

^a "Jah." M, *Yah*; see Psalm 68:4, footnote a. ^b "God." M, *El-o-him*.
^c "Men." M, *a-dam*. ^d "Able-bodied man." M, *geb'er*.

- And to whom the peaks of the mountains belong;^s
- ⁵ To whom the sea, which he himself made, belongs^t
- And whose own hands formed the dry land itself.^u
- ⁶ O come in, let us worship and bow down,^v
Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker.^v
- ⁷ For he is our God and we are the people of his
pasturage and the sheep of his hand.^z
Today if you people listen to his own
voice,^{*}
- ⁸ Do not harden YOUR heart as at Mer'i-bah,^a
As in the day of Mas'sah^b in the wilderness,^a
- ⁹ When YOUR forefathers put me to the proof;^c
They examined me, they also saw my
activity.^{*}
- ¹⁰ For forty years I kept feeling a loathing to-
ward [that]^c generation,^e
And I proceeded to say: "They are a peo-
ple wayward at heart,^{*}
"And they themselves have not come to
know my ways";^{*}
- ¹¹ Concerning whom I swore in my anger:^k
"They shall not enter into my resting
place."^{dn}
- 96**^e Sing to Jehovah a new song.^r
Sing to Jehovah, all [you people of]
the earth.^{fs}

^a Or, "the quarreling," M; "the embittering," LXX; "the irritating," Vg. ^b Or, "day of proving," LXXVg. See Exodus 17:7. ^c "That," LXXVgSy; not in MT. ^d Or, "rest," LXXVg. ^e LXX has the superscription: "When the house was built after the captivity: a song of David." Similarly Vg. ^f Literally, "all the earth," but the verb "Sing" addressed to it is in the plural number, masculine gender. See Psalm 33:8, footnote e; Psalm 66:1, footnote a.

- ² Sing to Jehovah, bless his name.^t
From day to day tell the good news of sal-
vation by him.^u
- ³ Declare among the nations his glory,^v
Among all the peoples his wonderful works.^v
- ⁴ For Jehovah is great and very much to be
praised.^z
He is fear-inspiring above all other gods.^{a*}
- ⁵ For all the gods^a of the peoples are worthless
gods,^{b*}
But as for Jehovah, he has made the very
heavens.^a
- ⁶ Dignity and splendor are before him;^g
Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.^{o*}
- ⁷ Ascribe^c to Jehovah,^d O you families of the
peoples,^g
Ascribe^c to Jehovah^d glory and strength.^{*}
- ⁸ Ascribe^c to Jehovah^d the glory belonging to
his name;^h
Carry a gift and come into his courtyards.^k
- ⁹ Bow down to Jehovah^d in holy adornment;^{en}
Be in severe pains because of him, all [you
people of] the earth.^{fr}
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations: "Jehovah^d himself
has become king.^s
"The productive land^s also becomes firmly
established so that it cannot be made
to totter.^t
"He will plead the cause of the peoples in
uprightness."^u

^a "Gods," M, *elo.him'*; LXX, *theoi'*; Vg, *di'i*. ^b "Worthless gods." M, *eli.lim'*; LXXVg, "demons." ^c Or, "Give" (plural number). ^d M, *Y'ho.wah'* (יהוה); Ag, *יהוה*; see Psalm 91:2, footnote c. ^e "In his holy courtyard," LXXVgSy. ^f See verse 1, footnote f. ^g "The productive land." M, *te.bel'*; LXX, "The inhabited earth"; Vg, *or'bis ter'rae* ("the terrestrial circle").

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be joyful.^{av}

Let the sea thunder and that which fills it.^v

¹² Let the open field exult and all that is in it.^z

At the same time let all the trees of the forest break out joyfully.*

¹³ Before Jehovah.^b For he has come;[□]

For he has come to judge the earth.^a

He will judge the productive land^c with righteousness[□]

And the peoples with his faithfulness.*

97 Jehovah^b himself has become king!¹⁸ Let the earth be joyful.*

Let the many islands^d rejoice.*

² Clouds[□] and thick gloom are all around him,^k

Righteousness and judgment are the established place of his throne.ⁿ

³ Before him a very fire[□] goes[□]

And it consumes his adversaries all around.^s

⁴ His lightnings[□] lighted up the productive land;^{ct}

The earth saw and came to be in severe pains.^u

⁵ The mountains themselves proceeded to melt

just like wax on account of Jehovah,^{bv}

On account of the Lord^{e□} of the whole earth.^y

⁶ The heavens have told forth his righteousness,^z

And all the peoples have seen his glory.*

^a In the Hebrew text this line of verse 11 is made up of just four Hebrew words, the first letters of which four words, when read from right to left, form an acrostic to give us the four letters of the sacred tetragrammaton, which stands for God's exclusive name, namely, יהוה (YHWH). Transliterated the line reads: *Yism'hhu' Hash-sham'a'yim W'ethagel' Ha-a'rets*. The Hebrew Masora or collection of critical notes contains a particular notice to keep us from overlooking this tetragrammaton acrostic. ^b See Psalm 96:7, footnote d. ^c See Psalm 96:10, footnote g. ^d Or, "coastlands." ^e "The Lord." M. A. *dōn*.

vPs 69:34
Isa 49:13
Re 12:12
yPs 98:7
zPs 65:13
Isa 42:11
*Isa 55:12
□Isa 25:8
Mal 3:1
2Pe 3:12
ΔPs 98:9
□Ps 9:8
Ps 33:8
*Ps 67:4
Θ1Ch 29:11
Ps 145:13
Re 11:17
Re 19:6
*Ps 2:11
Isa 49:13
*Ge 10:5
Isa 11:11
Isa 60:9
kEx 20:21
De 4:11
Ps 18:11
□Ps 105:39
nGe 18:25
Ps 89:14
Ps 99:4
Pr 16:12
□Ps 104:4
rDe 4:36
Na 1:6
Heb 12:29
□Ps 144:6
sPs 21:8
tEx 19:16
Ps 77:18
uJob 9:6
Re 11:19
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Na 1:5
Hab 3:6
□Ps 110:1
yPs 47:2
Ps 83:18
Isa 54:5
zPs 19:1
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Hab 2:14

□Isa 40:19
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□Ex 12:12
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Ps 149:9
1Pe 1:5
□Ps 107:9
tPs 125:3
Jer 15:21
2Th 3:2
uPs 18:28
Ps 112:4
Pr 4:18
Joh 12:46
□Ps 104:2
vPs 32:11
Ps 36:10
yPs 33:1
Hab 3:18
Php 4:4
zPs 30:4
Ps 60:6
Heb 12:10
*Ps 33:3
Ps 96:1
Ps 149:1
Isa 42:10
Re 5:9
Re 14:3
□Ne 9:17
Ps 77:14
Ps 83:10
Ps 105:5
Lu 14:9

⁷ Let all those serving^a any carved image[□] be ashamed,[□]

Those who are making their boast in worthless gods.^{ba}

Bow down to him, all you gods.^{c□}

⁸ Zion heard and began to rejoice,^{*}

And the dependent towns^d of Judah began to be joyful[□]

By reason of your judicial decisions, O Jehovah.*

⁹ For you, O Jehovah,^e are the Most High over all the earth;^{*}

You have made your ascent very high over all other gods.^{fk}

¹⁰ O YOU lovers of Jehovah,^{en} hate what is bad.^r

He is guarding the souls^t of his men of loving-kindness;^s

Out of the hand of the wicked ones he delivers them.^t

¹¹ Light[□] itself has flashed up[□] for the righteous one.^u

And rejoicing even for the ones upright in heart.^v

¹² Rejoice in Jehovah,^e O YOU righteous ones,^y

And give thanks at the mention of his holiness.^{hz}

A melody.ⁱ

98 SING to Jehovah a new song,^{*}

For wonderful are the things that he has done.[□]

^a Or, "worshipping." ^b "Worthless gods." M. *elilim*'; LXX, "their idols"; Vg, "their images (likenesses)." ^c "Gods." M. *el.o.him*'; LXXVgSy, "his angels." ^d Literally, "the daughters," M. ^e See Psalm 96:7, footnote d. ^f "Gods." M. *el.o.him*'; LXX, *the.o.i*'; Vg, *di.i*. ^g "Has flashed up," LXXVgSy(T) and one Hebrew manuscript; "is sown," M. ^h Or, "to his holy memorial." ⁱ LXX, "A melody of David."

His right hand, even his holy arm, has gained salvation^a for him.^a

² Jehovah has made his salvation known;²
In the eyes of the nations he has revealed his righteousness.*

³ He has remembered his loving-kindness^b and his faithfulness to the house of Israel.²
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.*

⁴ Shout in triumph to Jehovah, all [you people of] the earth.^c
Be cheerful and cry out joyfully and make melody.^k

⁵ Make melody to Jehovah with the harp,ⁿ
With the harp^o and the voice of melody.^r

⁶ With the trumpets^d and the sound of the horn^e
Shout in triumph before the King, Jehovah.^t

⁷ Let the sea thunder and that which fills it,^u
The productive land^f and those dwelling in it.^v

⁸ Let the rivers themselves clap their hands;^g
All together let the very mountains cry out joyfully^z

⁹ Before Jehovah, for he has come to judge the earth.*
He will judge the productive land^f with righteousness²
And the peoples with uprightness.^a

^a Or, "victory." ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c See Psalm 96:1, footnote f.
^d That is, straight trumpets; see Numbers 10:2, footnote e. ^e Or, "cornet," curved like an animal's horn. ^f M, "sho'phar." ^g "The productive land." M, *te.bél'*; LXX, "the inhabited earth"; Vg, *or'bis terra'rum* ("terrestrial circle"). ^h More literally, "clap the palm," M.

99 Jehovah himself has become king.² Let the peoples be agitated.*
He is sitting upon the cherubs.^c Let the earth quiver.*

² Jehovah is great in Zion^h
And he is high over all the peoples.^k

³ Let them laud your name.ⁿ
Great and fear-inspiring, holy it is.^r

⁴ And with the strength of a king judgment he has loved.^s
You yourself have firmly established uprightness.^t
Judgment² and righteousness in Jacob are what you yourself have effected.^u

⁵ Exalt Jehovah our God^v and bow down yourselves at his footstool;^y
He is holy.^z

⁶ Moses² and Aaron were among his priests,²
And Samuel was among those calling upon his name.²
They were calling to Jehovah, and he himself kept answering them.^a

⁷ In the pillar of cloud he kept speaking to them.²
They kept his reminders and the regulation that he gave to them.*

⁸ O Jehovah our God, you yourself answered them.²
A God^a granting pardon you proved to be to them,*
And executing vengeance against their notorious deeds.²

⁹ Exalt Jehovah our God^k
And bow down yourselves at his holy mountain.ⁿ
For Jehovah our God is holy.^r

^a "God." M, *El*.

A melody of thanksgiving.

100 Shout in triumph to Jehovah, all
[you people of] the earth.^{a*}

^a Serve^b Jehovah with rejoicing.[□]

Come in before him with a joyful cry.^Δ

^a Know that Jehovah is God.^{cΔ}

It is he that has made us, and not we ourselves.^{Δ*}

[We are] his people and the sheep of his
pasture.^Δ

^a Come into his gates with thanksgiving,^{*}

Into his courtyards with praise.^{*}

Laud^Δ him, bless his name.^k

^a For Jehovah is good,ⁿ

His loving-kindness^f is to time indefinite^r
And his faithfulness to generation after
generation.^{gs}

Of David. A melody.

101 About loving-kindness^f and judgment
I will sing.^t

To you, O Jehovah, I will make melody.^u

^a I will act with discretion in an integrity-
keeping way.^{hν}

When will you come to me?^ν

I shall walk about in the integrity of my
heart inside my house.^z

^a I shall not set in front of my eyes any good-
for-nothing thing.^{i*}

^a See Psalm 66:1, footnote a; Psalm 96:1, footnote f. ^b Or, "worship." ^c "God." MT, *El-o-him*; LXX, *ho Theos*; Sy, "our God."

^d "And not we ourselves," MLXXVgSy; "and we are his," TAQ and many Hebrew manuscripts and the marginal reading of M. ^e Or, "Thank." ^f Or, "loyal love." ^g Or, "to all generations." ^h Or, "in a faultless way." ⁱ Literally, "a thing of Be'li-al [or, worthlessness]."

*De 32:43
Ps 32:11
Ps 47:1
Lu 19:37
Ro 15:10
2Co 2:14
De 12:12
De 28:47
1Ki 8:66
Ac 2:46
Php 4:4
ΔPs 95:2
2Ki 19:19
Jer 10:10
1Jo 5:20
+Job 10:8
Ps 95:6
1Co 6:19
ΔPs 78:52
Ps 79:13
Ps 95:7
Eze 34:11
Joh 10:14
1Pe 2:25
*Ps 122:2
Re 22:14
*Ps 65:4
Ps 96:8
kPs 96:2
Ps 145:1
Heb 13:15
nPs 86:5
Jer 33:11
Lu 18:19
rPs 136:1
Lu 1:50
sEx 34:6
De 7:9
Ps 98:3
tPs 89:1
Re 19:2
uPs 71:22
v1Sa 18:14
2Ch 31:20
yPs 40:17
Ps 143:7
Lu 18:7
zGe 18:19
1Ki 9:4
1Ki 11:4
Ps 7:8
Ps 78:72
Isa 38:3
*De 15:9
Job 34:18

The doing of those who fall away I have
hated;[□]

It does not cling to me.^Δ

^a A crooked heart departs from me;^Δ
Nothing bad do I know.^{*}

^a Anyone slandering his companion in secrecy,^Δ
Him I silence.^{*}

Anyone haughty and arrogant,^{a#}
Him I cannot endure.

^a My eyes are upon the faithful ones of the
earth,^k

That they may dwell with me.

The one walking in an integrity-keeping
way,^{bn}

He it is who will minister to me.^r

^a There will dwell inside my house no worker
of trickiness.^s

As for anyone speaking falsehoods, he will
not be firmly established^t

In front of my eyes.

^a Every morning^c I shall silence all the wicked
ones of the earth,^u

To cut off from the city of Jehovah all the
practicers of what is hurtful.^v

A prayer of the afflicted in case he grows feeble
and pours out his concern before Jehovah himself.

102 O Jehovah, do hear my prayer^ν
And to you may my own cry for
help come.^z

^a Do not conceal your face from me on the day
that I am in sore straits.^{*}

Incline to me your ear;[□]

On the day that I call, hurry, answer me.^Δ

^a Literally, "Anyone high of eyes and broad of heart," M. ^b Or, "in a faultless way." ^c Literally, "For the mornings," M.

ΔEx 32:8
1Sa 12:20
Zep 1:6
Ro 12:9
Ga 4:9
Heb 10:38
2Pe 2:21
ΔDe 13:17
ΔPr 11:20
Pr 17:20
*Php 4:8
ΔLe 19:16
Ps 50:20
Pr 20:19
Tit 2:3
*Re 21:8
*1Sa 2:3
Job 40:11
Isa 2:11
Lu 18:14
1Pe 5:5
kPs 34:15
Lu 12:42
nPs 101:2
Ps 119:1
r2Ch 29:11
Isa 56:6
sPs 32:2
Ps 52:2
t2Ki 5:26
Ac 1:16
Ac 5:3
uPs 75:10
Pr 20:8
Jer 21:12
vPs 48:2
Re 21:27
Re 22:14
yPs 5:2
Ps 55:1
Da 9:17
zEx 2:23
1Sa 9:16
Ps 18:6
Ps 145:19
*Job 34:29
Ps 13:1
Ps 69:17
Ps 88:14
ΔPs 71:2
Ps 88:2
ΔPs 40:13
Ps 143:7
Isa 65:24

- ³ For my days have come to an end just like smoke,^c
And my very bones have been made red hot
just like a fireplace.*
- ⁴ My heart has been struck just like vegetation
and is dried up,^e
For I have forgotten to eat my food.^{a*}
- ⁵ Because of the sound of my sighing[#]
My bones have stuck to my flesh.^k
- ⁶ I do resemble the pelican of the wilderness.ⁿ
I have become like a little owl of desolated
places.^r
- ⁷ I have grown emaciated,^{bs}
And I am become like a bird isolated upon
a roof.^t
- ⁸ All day long my enemies have reproached me.^u
Those making a fool of me have sworn even
by me.^v
- ⁹ For I have eaten ashes themselves just like
bread,^y
And the things I drink I have mingled even
with weeping,^z
- ¹⁰ Because of your scolding and your indigna-
tion,^{*}
For you have lifted me up, that you might
throw me away.²
- ¹¹ My days are like a shadow that has declined,^{ca}
And I myself am dried up like mere vege-
tation.^o
- ¹² As for you, O Jehovah, to time indefinite you
will dwell,⁺
And your memorial will be for generation
after generation.⁹

©Pr 10:26
©Ps 37:20
Ps 119:83
Jas 4:14
*Job 30:30
La 1:13
©Ps 55:4
Ps 102:11
Ps 143:4
Isa 40:7
*Isa 1:7
Ezr 10:6
Ac 9:9
*Ps 6:6
Ps 38:8
kJob 19:20
Pr 17:22
nIsa 34:11
Zep 2:14
rLe 11:17
De 14:16
sIsa 17:4
tPs 38:11
uPs 31:11
Ps 89:51
Da 9:16
Ro 15:3
vAc 23:12
yIsa 44:20
La 3:15
zPs 42:3
Ps 80:5
*Ps 38:3
Ps 90:7
2Ch 25:8
Da 9:13
2Co 4:9
AJob 14:2
Ps 39:5
Ps 109:23
Ps 144:4
Jas 4:14
©Ps 102:4
Isa 40:7
Jas 1:10
1Pe 1:24
*Ps 90:2
Isa 44:6
©Ex 3:15
Ps 135:13

©Isa 9:17
*Ps 51:18
Ps 69:35
Isa 60:14
Jer 31:12
Zec 2:10
©Jer 8:7
*Da 9:2
Re 11:18
kNe 2:3
Ne 4:6
Ps 137:5
Da 9:16
©Pr 18:10
n1Ki 8:43
Ps 83:18
Ps 86:9
©Pr 14:1
rPs 72:11
Ps 138:4
Re 21:24
sPs 147:2
Jer 33:7
tIsa 6:1
Isa 61:3
uPs 72:12
Da 9:21
vEx 17:14
Ps 71:18
Ps 78:4
Joh 20:31
Ro 15:4
1Co 10:11
2Ti 3:15
©Ps 104:35
yPs 45:17
Isa 43:21
Eph 2:10
zDe 26:15
2Ch 16:9
Ps 14:2
*Ex 3:7
Ps 79:11
Isa 61:1
2Ch 33:13
Ac 12:11
Eph 2:3
APs 22:22
Ps 99:2
Isa 51:11
1Pe 2:9
©Ps 72:11
Isa 60:3
Mlc 4:2
Zec 8:23
*Ps 89:40
©Ps 89:45
*Isa 38:10

- ¹³ You yourself will arise, you will have mercy^o
on Zion,^{*}
For it is the season to be favorable to her,
For the appointed^o time has come.[#]
- ¹⁴ For your servants have found pleasure in her
stones,^k
And to her dust they direct their favor.
- ¹⁵ And the nations will fear the name of Jeho-
vah,^{aon}
And all the kings of the earth your glory.^t
- ¹⁶ For Jehovah^a will certainly build^o up Zion;^s
He will certainly appear in his glory.^t
- ¹⁷ He will certainly turn to the prayer of the
stripped ones,^u
And not despise their prayer.
- ¹⁸ This is written for the future generation;^v
And the people that is to be created will
praise Jah.^{bey}
- ¹⁹ For he has looked down from his holy height,^z
From the very heavens Jehovah^a himself
has looked even at the earth,
- ²⁰ To hear the sighing of the prisoner,^{*}
To loosen those appointed to death,^{co}
- ²¹ For the name of Jehovah^a to be declared^d in
Zion^a
And his praise in Jerusalem,
- ²² When the peoples are collected all together,
And the kingdoms, to serve^e Jehovah.^o
- ²³ On the way he afflicted my power,⁺
He cut short my days.⁹
- ²⁴ I proceeded to say: "O my God,^f
"Do not take me off at the half of my days;"^x

^a Literally, "bread." ^b Or, possibly, "I have kept awake," by another derivation of the Hebrew verb. ^c LXXVgSy, "My own days have declined just like a shadow." (Also by a slight correction of the Hebrew text.)

^a M, *Yehowah*' (יהוה); Aq, *יְהוָה*; see Psalm 91:2, footnote c. ^b "Jah." See Psalm 68:4, footnote a. ^c Literally, "the sons of death," M. ^d Literally, "To declare the name of Jehovah," M. ^e Or, "worship." ^f "God." M, *El*.

- "Your years^a are throughout all generations.^{a*}
- ²⁵ "Long ago you laid the foundations of the earth itself,^k
- "And the heavens are the work of your hands.ⁿ
- ²⁶ "They themselves will perish but you yourself will keep standing,^{br}
- "And just like a garment they will all of them wear out.^s
- "Just like clothing you will replace them and they will finish their turn.^t
- ²⁷ "But you are the same^c and your own years will not be completed.^u
- ²⁸ "The sons of your servants will continue residing^v
- "And their own offspring^d will be firmly established even before you."^y

Of David.

103 Bless Jehovah,^e O my soul,^z
Even everything within me, his holy name.*

- ^a Bless Jehovah,^e O my soul,
And do not forget all his doings,^o
- ^b Him who is forgiving^c all your error,^a
Who is healing^c all your diseases,^o
- ^c Who is reclaiming your life from the very pit,^a
Who is crowning you with loving-kindness^f
and mercies,^o
- ^d Who is satisfying your lifetime with what is good,^x

^a Literally, "in [or, throughout] the generation of generations," M.
^b Or, "existing." Compare Exodus 9:16, footnote a. ^c Literally, "you are he," M. ^d Or, "seed," M. ^e M, Y^{ho-wah'} (יהוה); Aq, 3232. See Psalm 91:2, footnote c. ^f Or, "loyal love."

©Pr 3:2
*Ps 90:2
Ps 102:12
Hab 1:12
Re 1:8
kGe 1:1
Job 38:4
Isa 48:13
Zec 12:1
nPs 8:3
Heb 1:10
rGe 7:23
Lu 21:33
Re 20:11
sIsa 51:6
Heb 1:11
tHeb 1:12
uPs 90:4
Mal 3:6
Jas 1:17
Re 1:8
vPs 69:36
Isa 59:21
y2Sa 7:12
Isa 9:7
Isa 66:22
zPs 104:1
Lu 1:46
*Ps 47:7
Ps 63:5
Ps 86:12
Ps 111:1
Ps 138:1
Mr 12:30
Col 3:16
oDe 8:2
2Ch 32:25
Isa 63:7
Lu 17:15
A2Sa 12:13
Isa 43:25
oEx 15:26
Isa 33:24
Jas 5:15
oIsa 55:7
oPs 107:20
*Ge 48:16
Ps 34:22
Ps 56:13
Ac 2:24
oPs 145:8
oPs 21:3
1Pe 5:4
*Ps 23:5
Ps 65:4
1Ti 6:17

- Your youth keeps renewing itself just like that of an eagle.^{cu}
- ^a Jehovah^a is executing acts of righteousness^{bck}
And judicial decisions for all those being defrauded.ⁿ
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,^{or}
His dealings even to the sons of Israel.^a
- ⁸ Jehovah^a is merciful and gracious,^t
Slow to anger and abundant in loving-kindness.^{cu}
- ⁹ He will not for all time keep finding fault,^v
Neither will he to time indefinite keep resentful.
- ¹⁰ He has not done to us even according to our sins,
Nor according to our errors has he brought upon us what we deserve.^y
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,^z
His loving-kindness^c is superior toward those fearing him.*
- ¹² As far off as the sunrise is from the sunset,^o
So far off from us he has put our transgressions.^a
- ¹³ As a father^c shows mercy to his sons,^o
Jehovah has shown mercy to those fearing him.*
- ¹⁴ For he himself well knows the formation of us,
Remembering that we are dust.*
- ¹⁵ As for mortal man,^d his days are like those of green grass;^x
Like a blossom of the field is the way he blossoms forth.*

^a See verse 2, footnote e. ^b Or, "righteousnesses," M; "charitable acts," LXX. Compare Matthew 6:1-4. ^c Or, "loyal love." ^d "Mortal man." M, e-nōsh'.

¹⁶ For a mere wind has to pass over it, and it is no more,^k
And its place will acknowledge it no further.ⁿ

¹⁷ But the loving-kindness^a of Jehovah is from time indefinite even to time indefinite^r
Toward those fearing him,^s
And his righteousness to the sons of sons,^t

¹⁸ Toward those keeping his covenant^u
And toward those remembering his orders so as to carry them out.^v

¹⁹ Jehovah himself has firmly established his throne in the very heavens,^y
And his own kingship has held domination even over everything.^z

²⁰ Bless Jehovah, O you angels of his, mighty in power, carrying out his word,^{*}
By listening to the voice of his word.

²¹ Bless Jehovah, all you armies of his,[°]
You ministers of his, doing his will.^{b,a}

²² Bless Jehovah, all you his works,[°]
In all places of his domination.^{c*}
Bless Jehovah, O my soul.^e

104 Bless Jehovah, O my soul.^{*}
O Jehovah my God, you have proved very great.^{*}

With dignity and splendor you have clothed yourself,^k

² Enwrapping yourself with light[°] as with a garment,^{c,n}

Stretching out the heavens like a curtain,^{d,r}

³ The One building his upper chambers with beams in the very waters,^s

kJob 27:21
Isa 40:7
nJob 7:10
Job 8:18
Job 20:9
rPs 100:5
Ps 118:1
Ps 138:1
2Ti 1:9
sPs 112:1
Ps 128:1
Ec 7:18
tPs 22:31
Ro 1:17
uGe 17:9
Ex 19:5
Ps 25:10
Ps 132:12
vDe 6:6
Ps 119:11
Pr 3:1
Lu 1:6
Ac 24:16
yPs 11:4
Ps 115:3
Isa 66:1
Heb 8:1
zPs 47:2
Da 4:25
Php 2:9
*2Ki 19:35
Ps 148:2
Mt 6:10
Lu 1:19
Lu 2:13
Heb 1:14
°1Ki 22:19
2Ki 6:17
△Mt 13:41
2Th 1:7
Heb 1:7
°Ps 145:10
Ps 150:6
Isa 44:23
*Ps 89:11
°Ps 146:1
*Ps 103:1
Ps 104:35
#Ps 48:1
Ps 77:13
Ps 86:10
Da 9:4
kPs 29:1
Ps 96:6
Isa 59:17
°Pr 4:18
°Ca 4:11
nMt 17:2
Jas 1:17
1Jo 1:5
rIsa 40:22
Isa 45:12
sPs 18:11

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Or, "pleasure." ^c Or, "dominion; sovereignty." ^d Or, "tent cloth."

tDe 33:26
Isa 19:1
u2Sa 22:11
Ps 18:10
°Pr 14:29
°Ps 148:8
vAc 23:8
Heb 1:7
yEze 1:13
zJob 26:7
Job 38:6

*Ps 93:1
Ps 96:10
Ec 1:4
°Ge 1:2

△Ge 7:19
Job 38:9
2Pe 3:5
°Ge 1:9
Ge 8:1
Ps 114:3
Mr 4:39
*Ge 8:5
Ps 90:2
Pr 8:25

°Pr 22:28
°Job 26:10
Job 38:10
Jer 5:22
*Ge 8:11
Isa 54:9
#De 8:7
Isa 35:7
Isa 41:18
Isa 49:10
kJob 39:8
Ps 145:16
cIsa 35:9
nPs 50:11
Ps 84:3
Ps 104:17
Lu 9:53
rPs 147:9
Ca 2:12
sGe 2:6
De 11:11
Job 38:37
Ps 147:8
Jer 10:13
Am 9:6
Ac 14:17

Making the clouds his chariot,^t
Walking upon the wings of the wind,^u
⁴ Making his angels spirits,^{a,v}
His ministers a devouring fire.^{°y}
⁵ He has founded the earth upon its established places;^z
It will not be made to totter to time indefinite, nor forever.^{*}
⁶ With surging waters^b you covered it just like a garment;[°]
The waters were standing above the very mountains.[△]
⁷ At your rebuke they began to flee;[°]
At the sound of your thunder they were sent running in panic—
⁸ Mountains proceeded to ascend,^{*}
Valley plains proceeded to descend—
To the place that you have founded for them.
⁹ A boundary[°] you set beyond which they should not pass,[°]
That they should not again cover the earth.^{*}
¹⁰ He is sending springs into the torrent valleys;[#]
Between the mountains they keep going on.
¹¹ They continually give drink to all the wild beasts[°] of the open field;^k
The zebras regularly quench their thirst.
¹² Above them roost the flying creatures of the heavens;ⁿ
From among the thick foliage they keep giving forth sound.^r
¹³ He is watering the mountains from his upper chambers.^s

^a Or, "winds," as in verse 3. M, *ru'ahh*, in the plural number.
^b "Surging waters." Or, "the primeval ocean." M, *t'hōm'*; LXXVg, "abyss." See Genesis 1:2, footnote c.

- With the fruitage^a of your works the earth is satisfied.^t
- ¹⁴ He is making green grass sprout for the beasts,^u
And vegetation for the service^o of mankind,^{bv}
To cause food^c to go forth from the earth,^y
¹⁵ And wine^e that makes the heart of mortal man^d rejoice,^z
To make the face shine with oil,^{*}
And bread that sustains the very heart of mortal man.^d
- ¹⁶ The trees^o of Jehovah are satisfied,
The cedars of Leb'a-non that he planted,^a
¹⁷ Where the birds themselves make nests.^o
As for the stork, the juniper trees are its house.^{*}
- ¹⁸ The high mountains are for the mountain goats;^o
The crags are a refuge for the rock badgers.^{*}
- ¹⁹ He has made the moon^o for appointed times;^h
The sun itself knows well where it sets.
- ²⁰ You cause darkness,^o that it may become night;^k
In it all the wild animals of the forest creep forth.
- ²¹ The maned young lions are roaring for the preyⁿ
And to seek their food^o from God^e himself.^r
- ²² The sun begins to shine—they withdraw^s
And they lie down in their own hiding places.^f

©Ps 127:3
tPs 65:9
uGe 1:30
lKi 18:5
Jer 14:6
Joe 2:22
©Eze 29:18
vGe 1:29
Ge 3:18
Ge 9:3
©Pr 4:17
yJob 28:5
lCo 3:7
zJg 9:13
Pr 31:6
Ec 10:19
De 28:40
©Pr 3:18
Le 26:26
De 8:3
Eze 14:13
Nu 24:6
Ps 92:12
Isa 61:3
Eze 17:22
Ps 104:12
Eze 31:6
Da 4:21
Mt 13:32
Lu 9:58
Le 11:19
Jer 8:7
Zec 5:9
©Isa 13:10
Isa 24:2
Job 39:1
©Ps 107:14
De 14:7
Pr 30:26
Ge 1:16
Ps 136:9
Jer 31:35
kGe 1:5
Ps 74:16
Isa 45:7
nJob 38:39
Isa 31:4
Am 3:4
©Ps 145:15
rPs 147:9
Joe 1:20
sEx 22:3
2Sa 23:4
Na 3:17
Joh 3:20

^a Or, by a correction of M, "With the moisture." ^b "Mankind." M, *ha-a-dam'*. ^c Literally, "bread," M. ^d "Mortal man." M, *e-nōsh'*. ^e "God." M, *El*. ^f Or, "dwellings."

- ²³ Man^a goes forth to his activity
And to his service until evening.^{ct}
- ²⁴ How many your works are, O Jehovah!^u
All of them in wisdom^o you have made.^y
The earth is full of your productions.^y
- ²⁵ As for this sea so great and wide,^{bz}
There there are gliding things without number,^{*}
Living creatures, small as well as great.^m
- ²⁶ There the ships go;^z
As for Le-vi'a-than,^c him you have formed
to play about in it.^a
- ²⁷ For you they all of them keep waiting
To give [them] their food in its season.^o
- ²⁸ What you give them they pick up.
You open your hand—they get satisfied
with good things.^{*}
- ²⁹ If you conceal your face, they get terrified.^o
If you take away their spirit,^d they expire^{ax}
And back to their dust^o they go.ⁿ
- ³⁰ If you send forth your spirit, they are created,^k
And you make the face of the ground new.
- ³¹ The glory^o of Jehovah^e will prove to be to time indefinite.ⁿ
Jehovah will rejoice in his works.^r
- ³² He is looking at the earth and it trembles;^s
He touches the mountains and they smoke.^t
- ³³ I will sing to Jehovah throughout my life;
I will make melody to my God as long as I am.^u
- ³⁴ Let my musing about him be pleasurable.^v
I for my part shall rejoice in Jehovah.^y

©Isa 17:14
tJg 19:16
Eph 4:28
2Th 3:8
uNe 9:6
Job 5:9
Ps 40:5
©Ps 111:10
vPs 136:5
Pr 3:19
Jer 10:12
Eph 3:10
yPs 24:1
Ps 50:12
zJob 11:9
Ps 95:5
*Ge 1:21
mJob 12:8
©Ge 49:13
Ps 107:23
*Job 41:5
©Ps 136:25
Ps 145:15
Ps 147:9
Lu 12:24
*Ps 107:9
Ps 145:16
©Job 13:24
Ps 30:7
*Job 34:14
Ps 146:4
Ec 12:7
Ac 17:25
©Zec 13:8
*Ge 3:19
Ec 3:20
©Isa 2:10
kGe 2:7
Job 33:4
Ps 33:6
Eze 37:9
©Pr 3:35
©Ps 138:5
nPs 102:16
Ro 11:36
Ga 1:5
Re 5:13
rEx 31:17
Isa 62:5
Isa 65:19
Jer 32:41
sPs 97:4
Hab 3:6
Re 20:11
tEx 19:18
Ps 144:5
uPs 63:4
Ps 146:2
vPs 1:2
Ps 63:6
yPs 32:11

^a "Man." M, *a-dam'*. ^b Literally, "spacious on both sides (hands)," M. ^c M, *Liw-ya-than'*; LXXVg, "the dragon (serpent)." ^d Or, "breath." M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *pneuma*; Vg, *spiritus*.

³⁵ The sinners^o will be finished off from the earth,
And as for the wicked, they will be no longer.^z

Bless Jehovah, O my soul. Praise Jah,^a
you people!^{b*}

105 GIVE thanks to Jehovah, call upon his name,^o

Make known among the peoples his dealings.^a

² Sing^o to him, make melody to him,^o
Voice YOUR interest in all his wonderful works.*

³ Make YOUR boast in his holy name.^o
Let the heart of those seeking Jehovah rejoice.*

⁴ Search for Jehovah and his strength.*
Seek his face constantly.^k

⁵ Remember his wonderful works that he has performed,ⁿ
His tokens and the judicial decisions of his mouth,^r

⁶ O YOU seed^o of Abraham his servant,^s
YOU sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.^t

⁷ He is Jehovah our God.^u
His judicial decisions are in all the earth.^v

⁸ He has remembered his covenant even to time indefinite,^y
The word that he commanded, to a thousand generations,^z

^a "Jah." M, *Yah*; see Psalm 68:4, footnote a. ^b "Praise Jah, you people!" M, *Hal'lu-Yah*; LXX, *Hallelou-ia*; Vg, *Alleluia*. This is the first Hallelujah to be found in the Hebrew Scriptures. Note, therefore, that the divine name also occurs in the Christian Greek Scriptures at Revelation 19:1, 3, 4, 6. ^c Or, "offspring."

^oPr 1:10

^zPs 101:8

^{Pr} 2:22

^oPs 105:45

^{*}Ps 103:2

^{Ps} 104:1

^oCh 16:8

¹Ch 29:13

^{Ps} 136:1

^{Isa} 12:4

^{Joe} 2:32

^{Ro} 10:13

^oPs 89:1

^{Ps} 96:3

^{Ps} 145:12

^oIsa 26:1

^oJg 5:3

¹Ch 16:9

^{Ps} 47:6

^{Eph} 5:19

^{Ex} 13:8

^{Ps} 78:4

^o1Ch 16:10

^{Jer} 9:24

¹Co 1:31

^{Lu} 11:10

^{Am} 5:4

^{Zep} 2:3

^kPs 27:8

¹Ch 16:11

ⁿDe 7:18

¹Ch 16:12

^rRe 19:2

^oIsa 41:8

^sEx 3:6

^{Ga} 3:29

¹Pe 2:9

^uEx 20:2

^{De} 29:18

^{Jos} 24:24

^{Ps} 100:3

^vIsa 26:9

^{Re} 15:4

^y1Ch 16:15

^{Ne} 1:5

^{Da} 9:4

^oPs 145:4

^zDe 7:9

^{*Ge} 22:17

^{Ge} 26:3

^{Ne} 9:8

^{Heb} 6:17

^o1Ch 16:16

^oGe 17:7

¹Ch 16:17

^oGe 12:7

^{Ge} 13:15

^{Ge} 15:18

^{Ge} 26:3

^{Ge} 28:13

^{*Ps} 78:55

^oGe 34:30

^{De} 7:7

^{Isa} 51:2

^{*Ge} 17:8

^{Ge} 23:4

^{Ac} 7:5

^{Heb} 11:9

^{*Ge} 20:1

^{Ge} 46:6

^k1Ch 16:20

ⁿGe 31:42

^rGe 12:17

^{Ge} 20:3

^{Ex} 7:16

^s1Sa 16:13

¹Jo 2:27

^tGe 20:7

¹Ch 16:22

^oIsa 3:2

^oJer 5:12

^uGe 41:30

^{Ge} 41:54

^{Ge} 42:5

^vLe 26:26

^{Isa} 3:1

^{Eze} 4:16

^{Ac} 7:11

⁹ Which [covenant] he concluded^a with Abraham,*

And his sworn statement to Isaac,^o

¹⁰ And which [statement]^b he proceeded to make stand as a regulation even to Jacob, As a covenant to time indefinite even to Israel,^a

¹¹ Saying: "To you I shall give the land of Ca'naan^o

"As an allotment that you men will possess."^{c*}

¹² This was when they^d happened to be few in number,^o

Yes, very few, and temporary residents in it.^x

¹³ And they kept walking about from nation to nation,^o

From one kingdom to another people.^k

¹⁴ He did not allow any human^e to defraud them,ⁿ And on their account he proceeded to reprove kings,^r

¹⁵ [Saying:] "Do not you men touch my anointed ones,^{fs}

"And to my prophets^o do nothing bad."^t

¹⁶ And he proceeded to call for a famine^o upon the land;^u

He broke every rod around which ring-shaped loaves were suspended.^{gv}

^a Literally, "cut." ^b "Which [statement]." M, *ha*, a pronominal suffix to the verb and in the feminine gender, hence referring to the expression "sworn statement" of verse 9, which is in the feminine gender. ^c Literally, "allotment of your possession [or, inheritance]," M. ^d "They," *MLXXXVg*; "you," *SyT* and many Hebrew manuscripts and also 1 Chronicles 16:19. ^e "Human," M, *a.dam*. ^f "Anointed ones," M, *ma-shi'ahh* (in the plural number); *Sy*, *m'shi'hha* (in the plural number); *LXX*, *hoi chris-toi*; Vg, *chris-ti*. ^g Literally, "every rod of bread," M.

- ¹⁷ He sent ahead of them a man^a
Who was sold to be a slave, Joseph.^b
¹⁸ With fetters they afflicted his feet,^c
Into irons his soul^b came;
¹⁹ Until the time that his word^c came,^d
The saying of Jehovah^e itself refined him.^f
²⁰ The king sent that he might release him,^g
The ruler of the peoples, that he might
let him loose.
²¹ He set him as master to his household^h
And as ruler over all his property,ⁱ
²² To bind his princes agreeably to his soul^d^e
And that he might teach wisdom to even
his elderly men.^f
²³ And Israel proceeded to come into Egypt,^g
And Jacob himself resided temporarily in
the land of Ham.^h
²⁴ And he kept making his people very fruitful,ⁱ
And gradually made them mightier than
their adversaries.^j
²⁵ He let their heart change to hate his people,^k
To behave cunningly against his servants.^l
²⁶ He sent Moses his servant,^m
Aaron whom he had chosen.ⁿ
²⁷ They^e set among them the matters of his
signs,^o
And the tokens in the land of Ham.^p
²⁸ He sent darkness and so made it dark;^q
And they did not rebel against his words.^r
²⁹ He changed their waters into blood^s
And proceeded to put their fish to death.^t
³⁰ Their land swarmed with frogs,^u
In the interior rooms of their kings.

^a "Man." M, *ish*. ^b "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chē*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*.
^c Or, "the word of One." ^d "Agreeably to his soul." M, *b'naph-sho'*.
Literally, "in (by) his soul." ^e "They," MT; "He," LXXVgSy.

yGe 45:5
Ac 7:9
Eze 37:16
zGe 39:20
Ac 16:24
*Ge 41:16
Ps 44:4
Ac 7:10
Isa 28:13
Ps 17:3
Mal 3:3
*Ge 41:14
Da 2:25
*Ge 41:40
Isa 2:8
Job 36:7
Da 2:48
*Ge 41:48
Ge 45:8
*Ps 113:8
*Ge 41:33
Ge 41:38
Isa 19:11
*Ge 45:9
Ge 46:6
Jos 24:4
Ac 7:15
kGe 10:6
Ps 78:51
Ps 106:22
*Ps 106:22
nGe 46:3
Ex 1:7
De 26:5
Ac 7:17
rEx 1:9
Ex 12:37
sEx 10:1
Ro 9:18
tEx 1:10
Ac 7:19
uEx 3:10
Ex 6:11
Ps 77:20
Ac 7:34
Isa 7:11
vEx 4:14
Ex 7:1
Ex 28:1
Isa 12:6
yNe 4:34
Ne 9:10
Ps 78:43
Jer 32:21
zPs 106:22
*Ex 10:22
*Ps 99:7
ΔEx 7:20
Re 16:3
Ex 7:21
*Ex 8:3

- mEx 8:21
*Ex 8:16
*Ex 9:18
Ps 78:47
Re 8:7
*Isa 28:2
kPs 78:48
*Ps 128:3

nEx 9:25
rEx 10:12
Ps 78:46
Re 9:3
sEx 10:14

tEx 10:15

*Isa 23:17

uEx 4:23
Ex 11:5
Ex 12:29
Ps 78:51
Ps 135:8
Heb 11:28
vGe 49:3
yGe 15:14
Ex 3:22
Ex 12:35

zEx 12:33
*Ge 35:5
Ex 15:15
De 11:25
Jos 2:9
Isa 11:7
*Isa 4:5
mEx 14:20
*Ex 13:21
Nu 9:15
Ne 9:12
Ps 78:14
1Co 10:1
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Nu 11:32
Ex 16:15
Nu 11:8
Ps 78:24
-Ex 17:6
Nu 20:11
1Co 10:4
*Ps 78:16
Isa 48:21

³¹ He said that the gadflies should come in,^m
Gnats in all their territories.ⁿ
³² He gave their downpours to be hail,^o
A flaming fire on their land.^k
³³ And he proceeded to strike their vines^c and
their fig trees
And to break the trees of their territory.ⁿ
³⁴ He said that the locusts should come in,^r
And a species of locust,^a even without
number.^s
³⁵ And they went eating all the vegetation in
their land;^t
They also went eating the fruitage of their
ground.^o
³⁶ And he proceeded to strike down every first-
born in their land;^u
The beginning of all their generative
power.^v
³⁷ And he began to bring them out with silver
and gold,^y
And among his tribes there was no one
stumbling along.
³⁸ Egypt rejoiced when they went out,^z
For the dread of them had fallen upon
them.^g
³⁹ He spread out a cloud^o for a screen,^m
And fire to give light by night.^q
⁴⁰ They^b asked and he proceeded to bring quails,^a
And with bread from heaven he kept satis-
fying them.^o
⁴¹ He opened a rock and waters began to flow
out;^g
These went through the waterless regions
as a river.^g

^a "A species of locust." M, *yel'eq*; of disputed meaning. ^b "They," LXXVgSyT; "He," M (that is, collectively).

⁴³ For he remembered his holy word^a with Abraham^o his servant.*
⁴⁵ So he brought out his people with exultation,[#]
 His chosen ones even with a joyful cry.^k
⁴⁴ And gradually he gave them the lands of the nations,ⁿ
 And they kept taking possession of the
 product of the labor of national groups,^r
⁴⁵ To the end that they might keep his regulations^s
 And observe his own laws.
 Praise Jah,^o you people!^{bt}

106 Praise Jah, you people!^b
 Give thanks to Jehovah, for he is
 good;^u

For his loving-kindness^c is to time indefinite.^v

² Who can utter the mighty performances of
 Jehovah,^y

[Or] can make all his praise to be heard?^z

³ Happy^o are those keeping judgment,*
 Doing^d righteousness all the time.^o

⁴ Remember me, O Jehovah, with the good will
 toward your people.^a

Take care of me with your salvation,^o

⁵ That I may see the goodness to your chosen
 ones,*

That I may rejoice with the rejoicing of
 your nation,^{co}

That I may make my boast with your pos-
 session.*

^o We have sinned^o just the same as our fore-
 fathers;[#]

*Isa 29:22
 *Ge 12:7
 Ex 2:24
 De 9:5
 Lu 1:72
 *Ac 7:36
 kEx 15:1
 Ps 106:12
 Isa 51:10
 Jer 31:12
 nJos 11:23
 Jos 21:43
 Ne 9:22
 Ps 78:55
 Ps 135:12
 rDe 6:10
 Jos 5:11
 sDe 4:40
 De 6:1
 oPs 111:1
 tPs 150:1
 Re 19:3
 u1Ch 16:34
 2Ch 5:13
 Ezr 3:11
 Ps 107:1
 Jer 33:11
 1Th 5:18
 vPs 103:17
 Ps 136:1
 Ro 5:20
 yJob 5:9
 Ps 40:5
 Ro 11:33
 zNe 9:5
 oPs 112:1
 *Ps 119:2
 Isa 56:1
 Joh 14:21
 oPs 15:2
 Isa 64:5
 ANe 5:19
 Ne 13:14
 Ps 119:132
 oPs 3:8
 *Eph 1:4
 2Th 2:13
 1Pe 2:9
 oPs 14:7
 Ps 48:11
 Isa 35:10
 Joh 16:22
 Ro 15:10
 oPs 135:10
 *Jer 9:24
 1Co 1:31
 oIsa 42:24
 *Le 26:40
 Nu 32:14
 Ne 9:16
 Ps 78:8

^a Or, "promise." Compare verse 8. ^b See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b.
^c Or, "loyal love." ^d "Doing" (this participle being in the plural
 number), LXXVgSyT; "Anyone doing," M.

We have done wrong; we have acted
 wickedly.^k

⁷ As for our forefathers in Egypt,
 They did not show any insight into your
 wonderful works.ⁿ

They did not remember the abundance of
 his grand loving-kindness,^{ar}

But they behaved rebelliously at the sea,
 by the Red Sea.^s

⁸ And he proceeded to save them for the sake of
 his name,^t

So as to make his mightiness known.^u

⁹ Accordingly he rebuked the Red Sea and it
 was gradually dried up,^v

And he went walking them through the
 surging waters^b as through the wilder-
 ness;^y

¹⁰ And so he saved them from the hand of the
 hater

And reclaimed them from the hand of the
 enemy.^z

¹¹ And the waters came covering their adver-
 saries;^{*}

Not one of them was left.

¹² Then they began to have faith^o in his word;^o
 They began to sing his praise.^a

¹³ Quickly they forgot his works;^o
 They did not wait for his counsel.*

¹⁴ But they began showing their selfish desire
 in the wilderness^o

And went putting God^c to the proof in the
 desert.*

¹⁵ And he proceeded to give them their request[#]

k1Ki 8:47
 Ezr 9:6
 Da 9:5

nDe 29:4
 De 32:28
 Isa 44:18

Mr 4:12
 rDe 15:15
 Ps 5:7

Ps 78:42
 Ps 105:5
 Isa 63:7

sEx 14:11
 tJos 7:9
 Ps 143:11

Jer 14:7
 Eze 20:9
 uEx 9:16

Ex 15:6
 Ps 111:6
 Ro 9:17

vEx 14:21
 Ne 9:11
 Ps 66:6

Ps 78:13
 Ps 136:13
 yPs 77:19

Isa 63:13
 zEx 14:30
 Ps 107:2

Mic 6:4
 *Ex 14:28
 Ex 15:5

De 11:4
 Ps 78:53
 oEx 14:31

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 Nu 14:22
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Ps 78:41
 1Co 10:9
 Heb 3:9

*Nu 11:31
 Ps 78:29

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b "The surging waters." M, *t'ho-mōth'*, the plural
 number of *t'hōm*, the word found in Genesis 1:2, where see foot-
 note c. LXXVg, "abyss(es)." ^c "God." M, *El*.

And to send a wasting disease^a into their soul.^b

¹⁰ And they began to envy Moses^c in the camp,ⁿ
Even Aaron the holy one of Jehovah.^r

¹⁷ The earth proceeded to open up and swallow
down Da'than

And to cover over the assembly of A-bi'ram.^s

¹⁸ And a fire went burning among their assembly,
A flame itself went devouring the wicked
ones.^t

¹⁹ They turned to making a calf^o in Ho'reb^u
And to bowing down to a molten image,^v

²⁰ And they were exchanging my glory^{cy}
For a representation^o of a bull, an eater
of vegetation.^z

²¹ They forgot God^d their Savior,^{*}
The Doer of great things in Egypt,^z

²² Wonderful works in the land of Ham,^z
Fear-inspiring things at the Red Sea.^o

²³ And he was about to say to annihilate them,^{*}
If it had not been for Moses his chosen one,^o
Who stood in the gap before him,^{*}

To turn back his rage from bringing [them]
to ruin.

²⁴ And they got to contemning the desirable
land,^{*}

They had no faith^o in his word.^k

²⁵ And they kept grumbling in their tents;ⁿ
They did not listen to the voice of Jeho-
vah.^o

²⁶ So he proceeded to raise his hand [in an oath]
concerning them,^s
That he would make them fall in the wilder-
ness,^t

²⁷ And that he would make their offspring fall
among the nations
And that he would scatter them among the
lands.^v

²⁸ And they began to attach themselves to Ba'al
of Pe'or^y
And to eat the sacrifices of the dead ones.^z

²⁹ As they were causing offense by their deal-
ings,^{*}
A scourge now broke out among them.^z

³⁰ When Phin'e-has stood up and intervened,^a
Then the scourge was halted.

³¹ And it came to be counted to him as right-
eousness^o
For generation after generation to time in-
definite.^{*}

³² Further they caused provocation at the wa-
ters of Mer'i-bah,^o
So that it went badly with Moses by reason
of them.^{*}

³³ For they embittered his spirit^{am}
And he began to speak rashly with his lips.^{*}

³⁴ They did not annihilate the peoples,^k
As Jehovah^o had said to them.ⁿ

³⁵ And they went mingling with the nations^r
And took up learning their works.^s

³⁶ And they kept serving^b their idols^t
And these came to be a snare^o to them.^u

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And he began to speak rashly with his lips.^{*}

⁸² They did not annihilate the peoples,^k
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⁸³ And they went mingling with the nations^r
And took up learning their works.^s

⁸⁴ And they kept serving^b their idols^t
And these came to be a snare^o to them.^u

⁸⁵ And they got to sacrificing their sons^v
And their daughters^o to demons.^{cy}

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⁸⁷ And that he would make their offspring fall
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⁹⁰ When Phin'e-has stood up and intervened,^a
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- ³⁸ So they kept spilling innocent blood,^a
The blood of their sons and their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan,^c
And the land came to be polluted with
bloodshed.^a
- ³⁹ And they got to be unclean by their works^a
And kept having unfaithful intercourse^c by
their dealings.^o
- ⁴⁰ And the anger of Jehovah began to blaze
against his people^a
And he came to detest his possession.^b
- ⁴¹ And he repeatedly gave them into the hand
of the nations,^c
That those hating them might rule over
them
- ⁴² And that their enemies might oppress them^a
And that they might be subdued under
their hand.
- ⁴³ Many times he would deliver them,^k
But they themselves would behave rebel-
liously in their disobedient course,ⁿ
And they would be brought low for their
error.^r
- ⁴⁴ And he^c would see the distress of theirs
When he heard their entreating cry.^s
- ⁴⁵ And he would remember concerning them his
covenant^t
And he would feel sorry according to
the abundance of his grand loving-
kindness.^{du}
- ⁴⁶ And he would grant them to be objects of pity
Before all those holding them captive.^v
- ⁴⁷ Save us, O Jehovah our God,^y

^a Literally, "bloods," M. ^b Or, "inheritance." ^c "He," M. ^d VgSyT; "Jehovah," LXX^{AB} and one Hebrew manuscript. ^e Or, "loyal love."

zDe 21:9
2K1 21:16
Jer 2:34
*Ps 135:11
*Eze 16:20
*Nu 35:33
Isa 26:21
*Isa 24:5
Eze 20:18
*Isa 57:3
*Ex 34:16
Le 17:7
Jer 3:9
*Jg 2:14
Ps 78:59
*Le 20:23
De 32:19
*Jg 10:8
kJg 2:16
Jg 10:12
Isa 12:11
nJg 4:1
Jg 5:8
Jg 10:13
Eze 2:3
rJg 6:5
*Jg 2:18
Jg 3:9
Jg 4:3
Jg 10:15
Isa 7:8
Ne 9:28
tLe 26:42
2K1 13:23
Ps 105:8
Lu 1:72
uDe 32:36
Jg 2:18
2Sa 24:16
Ps 69:16
Ps 90:13
Isa 63:7
v1K1 8:50
Ezr 9:9
Ne 2:8
Da 1:9
y1Ch 16:35
Ps 79:9

zJer 32:37
Eze 36:24
Eze 37:21
*Ps 103:1
Ps 105:3
Isa 43:21
*1Ch 29:10
Ps 41:13
*1Co 14:16
*Ps 106:1
*1Ch 16:34
Ps 118:1
*Ps 103:17
Lu 1:50
*Ex 15:16
De 15:15
Ps 31:5
Isa 35:9
Lu 1:68
Tit 2:14
1Pe 1:19
kDe 7:8
Ps 106:10
Jer 15:21
Mic 4:10
Lu 1:74
nPs 106:47
rIsa 43:5
Isa 49:12
sIsa 43:6
Jer 31:8
tNu 14:33
De 8:15
*Ps 132:13
uHeb 11:10
vJg 15:18
Isa 30:11
yIsa 44:12
La 2:19
zPs 50:15
Ps 91:15
Heb 4:16
*Isa 41:17
2Co 1:9
2Ti 3:11
*Ps 78:52
Isa 30:21
2Pe 2:21
*Ne 11:3
Heb 11:16
Re 21:2

- And collect us together from the nations^a
To laud^a your holy name,^a
To speak exultingly in your praise.^o
- ⁴⁸ Blessed be Jehovah the God of Israel^a
From time indefinite even to time indefinite;
And all the people must say^b Amen.^o
Praise Jah, YOU people!^o

BOOK FIVE

(Psalms 107—150)

107 O LAUD^a Jehovah, for he is good;^o
For his loving-kindness^d is to time
indefinite.^a

- ² Let the reclaimed ones of Jehovah say so,^a
Whom he has reclaimed from the hand of
the adversary,^k
- ³ And whom he has collected together even from
the lands,ⁿ
From the sunrise and from the sunset,^r
From the north and from the south.^{es}
- ⁴ They wandered about in the wilderness, in the
desert;^t
They did not find any way to a city of habi-
tation.^{su}
- ⁵ They were hungry, also thirsty;^v
Their very soul within them began to faint
away.^y
- ⁶ And they kept crying out to Jehovah in their
distress;^z
Out of the stresses upon them he proceeded
to deliver them,^a
- ⁷ And to have them walk in the right way,^o
So as to come to a city of habitation.^a

^a Or, "give thanks to." ^b Literally, "have said," M. ^c See Psalm 104: 35, footnotes a, b; Psalm 41: 13, footnote c. ^d Or, "loyal love."
^e Literally, "the sea." That is, the Red Sea to the south.

- ^a O let people laud Jehovah for his loving-kindness^a
And for his wonderful works to the sons of men.^b
- ^o For he has satisfied the dried-out soul,^c
And the hungry soul he has filled with good things.^{*}
- ¹⁰ There were those dwelling in darkness and deep shadow,^{*}
Prisoners in affliction and irons.^o^k
- ¹¹ For they had behaved rebelliously^o against the sayings of God,^{cn}
And the counsel of the Most High they had disrespected.^r
- ¹² And he proceeded to subdue their heart with trouble itself;^s
They stumbled and there was no one helping.^t
- ¹³ And they began calling to Jehovah for help in their distress;^u
Out of the stresses upon them he as usual saved them.^v
- ¹⁴ He went bringing them out from darkness^o and deep shadow,^y
And tearing even their bands apart.^z
- ¹⁵ O let people laud Jehovah for his loving-kindness^a
And for his wonderful works to the sons of men.^b
- ¹⁶ For he has broken the doors of copper^d
And he has cut off even the bars of iron.^o
- ¹⁷ The foolish ones themselves, due to the way of their transgression^t
And due to their errors, began to cause themselves affliction.^o

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b "Men." M, *a.dam*. ^c "God." M, *El*.

- ¹⁸ Their soul got to detest even every sort of food,^{*}
And they were arriving at the gates of death.[#]
- ¹⁹ And they began calling to Jehovah for help in their distress;^k
Out of the stresses upon them he as usual saved them.ⁿ
- ²⁰ He proceeded to send his word and heal^o them^r
And to provide [them] escape out of their pits.^{as}
- ²¹ O let people laud Jehovah for his loving-kindness^{bt}
And for his wonderful works to the sons of men.^{cu}
- ²² And let them offer^d the sacrifices of thanksgiving^v
And declare his works with a joyful cry.^y
- ²³ Those going down to the sea in the ships,^{oz}
Doing business on vast^e waters,^{*}
- ²⁴ They are the ones that have seen the works of Jehovah⁷
And his wonderful works in the depths.^d
- ²⁵ How he says [the word] and causes a tempestuous wind^f to arise,^o
So that it lifts up its waves.^{*}
- ²⁶ They go up to the heavens,^o
They go down to the bottoms.^g
Because of the calamity their very soul finds itself melting.^{*}
- ²⁷ They reel and move unsteadily like a drunken man,^h

^a Or, possibly, "the pit for their lives." ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c "Men." M, *a.dam*. ^d Literally, "sacrifice." M. ^e Or, "many." ^f "Wind." M, *ru'ahh*; compare Genesis 1:2, footnote d. ^g M, *t'ho.mōth*; LXXVg, "abysses."

- And even all their wisdom proves confused.^k
²⁸ And they begin crying out to Jehovah in their distress,ⁿ
 And out of the stresses upon them he brings them forth.^r
²⁹ He causes the tempest to stand at a calm,^a
 So that the waves of the sea^a keep quiet.^t
³⁰ And they rejoice because these become still,
 And he leads them to the haven of their delight.^u
³¹ O let people laud Jehovah for his loving-kindness^{bv}
 And for his wonderful works to the sons of men.^c
³² And let them extol him in the congregation^d
 of the people,^z
 And in the seat of the elderly men let them praise him.^z
³³ He converts rivers into a wilderness,^q
 And the outflows of water into thirsty ground,^a
³⁴ Fruitful land into salt country,^q
 Owing to the badness of those dwelling in it.^z
³⁵ He converts a wilderness into a reedy pool of water,^q
 And the land of a waterless region into outflows of water.^z
³⁶ And there he causes the hungry ones to dwell,^a
 So that they firmly establish a city of habitation.^k
³⁷ And they sow^o fields and plant vineyards,^o
 That they may yield fruitful crops.^r

^a "The waves of the sea," Sy; "their waves," MT; "its waves," LXXVg. ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c "Men." M, a.dam'. ^d M, qa.hal'; LXXVg, "ee.ele'si.a."

kIsa 19:3
 Jon 1:5
 Ac 27:20
 nJon 1:14
 Ac 27:23
 rJon 2:10
 Ac 27:44
 sJon 1:15
 Mt 8:25
 Mr 4:39
 Lu 8:24
 tPs 65:7
 Ps 89:9
 uJoh 6:21
 vPs 9:1
 Ps 86:13
 vPs 71:17
 Ps 72:18
 Ps 77:11
 Ps 105:2
 Re 15:3
 zPs 22:22
 Ps 40:9
 Ps 99:5
 Ps 111:1
 *Ac 4:8
 qIKi 17:7
 Isa 19:5
 Isa 34:9
 Isa 42:15
 Eze 30:12
 Joe 1:20
 Na 1:4
 AlKi 18:5
 Jer 14:3
 qGe 13:10
 Ge 19:25
 De 29:23
 *Eze 47:11
 qNu 21:16
 Ps 114:8
 Isa 35:6
 Isa 41:18
 *2Ki 3:17
 *Ps 146:7
 Lu 1:53
 kPs 107:7
 nIsa 65:21
 Jer 29:5
 Eze 28:26
 OIsa 28:24
 qPr 24:30
 rGe 26:12
 Ac 14:17
 lCo 3:7

- ^sEx 1:7
 Ps 128:3
 tGe 30:43
 De 7:14
 uDe 28:63
 lSa 2:7
 vJg 6:3
 2Ki 10:32
 2Ki 13:7
 2Ch 15:5
 Jer 51:34
 yIKi 21:19
 2Ki 24:15
 2Ki 25:7
 zJob 12:24
 Da 4:33
 oIsa 2:8
 Es 8:15
 Ps 113:7
 oIsa 2:21
 Job 21:11
 Job 42:16
 Ps 78:52
 Ps 58:10
 qEx 11:7
 Ps 63:11
 Ps 112:10
 Ro 3:19
 *Ps 64:9
 Jer 9:12
 Ho 14:9
 qPs 50:23
 Jer 9:24
 *Ps 57:7
 *Ps 30:12
 Ps 104:33
 Ps 138:1
 Ps 146:2
 kPs 16:9
 nPs 33:2
 Ps 81:2
 Ps 92:3
 oPs 149:3
 rPs 57:8
- ³⁸ And he blesses them so that they become very many,^a
 And he does not let their cattle become few.^t
³⁹ Again they become few and crouch down^u
 Owing to oppression, calamity and grief.^v
^{40a} He is pouring out contempt upon nobles,^y
 So that he makes them wander about in an empty place, where there is no way.^z
⁴¹ But he protects^b the poor one from affliction^a
 And converts him into families just like a flock.^q
⁴² The upright ones see and rejoice,^a
 But as for all unrighteousness, it has to shut its mouth.^q
⁴³ Who is wise? He will both observe these things^a
 And show himself attentive toward Jehovah's acts of loving-kindness.^c
 A song. A melody of David.
- 108** My heart is steadfast, O God.^a
 I will sing and make melody,^a
 Even my glory.^k
² Do awake, O stringed instrument; you too, O harp.^{cn}
 I will awaken the dawn.^r

^a In the margin in front of this verse (40) and also in front of verses 21-26 in R. Kittel's edition of M, but in front of verses 23-28 in C. D. Ginsburg's edition, there are inverted Hebrew nun (N) letters, called *nun m'nuz-zar-oth'* or *separated nuns*. According to Ginsburg's *Introduction to the Massoretico-Critical Edition of the Hebrew Bible* (1897), pages 341-345, "They are simply intended to take the place of our modern brackets to mark that the passages thus bracketed are transposed." Krauss in *Zeitschrift fuer die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* (1902), pages 57 ff, regards the inverted nun or *nun haphukha'* as an imitation of the Greek obelus (—) (÷), the spit or dagger sign. ^b Or, "puts on high," that is, out of reach. ^c Or, "loyal love."

- ³ I shall laud you among the peoples, O Jehovah,^a
And I shall make melody to you among the
national groups.^t
- ⁴ For your loving-kindness^a is great up to the
heavens^u
And your trueness up to the skies.^v
- ⁵ O be exalted above the heavens, O God;^y
And let your glory be above all the earth.^z
- ⁶ In order that your beloved ones may be
rescued,^{*}
O do save with your right hand and answer
me.[□]
- ⁷ God himself has spoken in his holiness:^Δ
"I will exult, I will give out She'chem^Δ as
a portion,⁺
"And the low plain of Suc'coth^Δ I shall
measure off.
- ⁸ "Gil'e-ad^Δ belongs to me, Ma-nas'seh^Δ belongs
to me,
"And E'phra'im^Δ is the fortress of my
head one;^k
"Judah is my commander's staff.ⁿ
- ⁹ "Mo'ab^r is my washing pot.^s
"Over E'dom^t I shall throw my sandal.^u
"Over Phi-lis'ti-a^v I shall shout in triumph."^y
- ¹⁰ Who will bring me to the fortified city?^z
Who will certainly lead me as far as E'dom?^{*}
- ¹¹ Is it not [you], O God, who have rejected us[□]
And who do not go forth with our armies
as God?^Δ
- ¹² Do give us help from distress,^Δ
As salvation by earthling man^b is worthless.⁺
- ¹³ By God we shall gain vital energy,^{*}
And he himself will tread down our ad-
versaries.^Δ

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b "Earthling man." M, a.dam'.

Ps 22:22
Ps 138:1
Ps 145:12
tPs 7:7
Ps 9:8
Ps 44:2
Ps 57:9
Ps 67:4
Ps 105:44
Ps 148:11
Ps 149:7
uPs 36:5
Ps 89:2
Ps 103:11
Isa 55:9
vPs 57:10
Ps 71:22
yPs 8:1
Ps 21:13
Ps 57:5
Ps 148:13
zPs 57:11
Ps 72:19
Isa 6:3
ΔDe 33:12
Mt 3:17
Mt 17:5
Lu 12:32
Eph 1:6
Col 3:12
ΔPs 60:5
ΔPs 89:35
Am 4:2
Jos 17:7
ΔPs 60:6
ΔIsa 7:2
ΔGe 33:17
Jg 8:5
ΔJos 13:11
ΔPs 2:9
ΔPs 80:2
kDe 33:17
Ps 60:7
nGe 49:10
Ps 122:5
r2Sa 8:2
sPs 60:8
tNu 24:38
u2Sa 8:14
v2Sa 21:15
y2Sa 21:18
Isa 14:29
zOb 3
ΔPs 60:9
ΔPs 44:9
ΔPs 60:10
ΔPs 20:1
ΔPs 60:11
Δ1Sa 2:4
2Sa 22:40
Ps 18:32
Ps 84:7
ΔPs 60:12
Isa 25:10
Ro 16:20

To the director. Of David. A melody.

- 109** O God of my praise,^Δ do not keep
silent.^{*}
- ² For the mouth of the wicked one and the
mouth of deception have opened against
me.^{*}
- They have spoken about me with the
tongue of falsehood,^k
- ³ And with words of hatred they have surround-
ed me,ⁿ
And they keep fighting against me without
cause.^r
- ⁴ For my love they keep resisting me,^s
But on my part there is prayer.^t
- ⁵ And they render to me bad for good^u
And hatred for my love.^v
- ⁶ Appoint over him someone wicked,^y
And may a resister^{az} himself keep standing
at his right hand.
- ⁷ When he is judged let him go forth as someone
wicked^{*}
And let his very prayer become a sin.[□]
- ⁸ Let his days prove to be few;^Δ
His office of oversight let someone else
take.^Δ
- ⁹ Let his sons become fatherless^Δ boys^{*}
And his wife^Δ be a widow.^Δ
- ¹⁰ And without fail let his sons go wandering
about,^{*}
And they must do begging^{*}
And they must look for [food] from their
desolate places.^k
- ¹¹ Let the usurer lay out traps for all that he
has,ⁿ

ΔIsa 42:8

*De 10:21

Ps 28:1

Ps 63:1

Ps 118:28

#2Sa 15:3

2Sa 17:1

Ps 31:13

Pr 15:28

Mt 26:59

k2Sa 120:3

Pr 6:17

Jer 9:3

Ac 6:13

n2Sa 16:7

Ps 17:11

Ps 88:17

Ho 11:12

r1Sa 19:14

2Sa 15:12

Ps 35:7

Joh 15:24

s2Sa 13:39

Ps 35:12

t2Sa 15:31

Ps 55:16

Lu 6:12

uPr 17:13

vPs 55:12

yMt 27:4

z1Sa 29:4

2Sa 19:22

1Kl 11:14

Zec 3:1

*Mt 25:41

Δ2Sa 15:8

Pr 15:8

ΔPs 55:23

Mt 27:5

ΔAc 1:20

ΔPr 23:10

*Ex 22:24

ΔPs 128:3

ΔJer 18:21

*Ge 4:12

Isa 16:2

*Ps 37:25

k2Sa 3:29

n1Sa 22:2

Ne 5:7

^a M, sa-tan'; LXX, di-a'bo-los; Vg, di-a'bo-lus.

- And let strangers^a make plunder of his product of toil.^r
- ¹² May he come to have no one extending loving-kindness,^{as}
- And may there prove to be no one showing favor to his fatherless boys.^t
- ¹³ Let his posterity be for cutting off.^u
- In the following generation let their name^o be blotted out.^v
- ¹⁴ Let the error of his forefathers be remembered to Jehovah,^y
- And the sin of his mother^z—may it not be blotted out.^{*}
- ¹⁵ Let them prove to be in front of Jehovah constantly.[□]
- And may he cut off the remembrance^b of them from the very earth.^Δ
- ¹⁶ For the reason that he did not remember to exercise loving-kindness,^Δ
- But he kept pursuing the afflicted and poor man^c
- And the one dejected at heart, to put [him] to death.[®]
- ¹⁷ And he kept loving the malediction,[®] so that it came upon him;^{*}
- And he did not take delight in the blessing,^{*}
- So that it became far away from him;^k
- ¹⁸ And he came to be clothed with malediction as his garment.ⁿ
- So it proceeded to come like waters into the midst of him^r
- And like oil into his bones.
- ¹⁹ May it prove to be for him like clothing with which he enwraps himself^s

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Or, "mention." ^c "Man." M, *ish*.

Isa 1:7
rDe 28:29
De 28:33
De 28:31
Jg 6:5
sIsa 27:11
Jas 2:13
tIsa 13:18
Lu 19:44
uIsa 2:6
Isa 2:31
2Ki 10:11
Ps 37:28
Isa 14:20
Jer 22:30
cPr 18:10
vDe 9:14
De 25:19
De 29:20
Pr 10:7
Re 3:5
yEx 20:5
Le 26:39
2Sa 3:29
2Sa 21:1
Mt 23:32
22Ki 8:27
2Ki 10:1
2Ch 22:3
Ne 4:5
Isa 43:25
Jer 18:23
□De 32:34
Ps 90:8
Jer 2:22
ΔPs 34:16
c2Sa 17:2
Mt 18:33
Jas 2:13
*Ge 42:21
Ps 10:2
Mt 27:35

®Pr 26:2
c2Sa 16:11
Ps 34:18
Ps 69:20
Mr 14:34
*De 28:45
Ps 59:13
Pr 14:14
Eze 35:6
*De 28:2
2Th 2:10
kPs 119:150
nJob 29:14
Ps 73:6
rNu 5:22
Nu 5:27
Ac 1:18

s2Ki 3:3
Ps 109:29

tJob 12:21
Jer 13:11
u2Sa 17:23
Ps 110:6
Mt 27:4
Lu 19:27
Ro 6:23
1Th 2:16
vMt 12:24
Mt 26:66
cIsa 7:7
yPs 35:23
zPs 25:11
Ps 31:3
Joh 17:11
*Ps 36:7
Ps 63:3
Ps 86:5
□Ps 40:17
Ps 88:1
Mt 8:20
2Co 8:9
Δ2Ki 4:27
Lu 22:44
c1Ch 29:15
Job 14:2
Ps 102:11
Jas 4:14
cPr 30:27
*Ex 10:13
Ps 102:10
+Ps 22:14
Ps 69:10
Mt 4:2
Heb 12:12
®Job 19:20
Ps 38:7
Ps 102:5
*Ps 31:11
Ps 69:9
Ro 15:3
Heb 13:13
cIsa 1:5
cJer 31:18
*Ps 22:7
Mt 27:39
kPs 40:13
Ps 119:86
Heb 5:7
nPs 57:1
Ps 69:16
rEx 13:3
Ezr 7:6
Ne 2:8
sNu 16:30
1Ki 18:36
Ps 64:9
tNu 22:6
2Sa 16:10
uNu 23:20
Nu 23:25

- And as a girdle that he keeps girded about himself constantly.^t
- ²⁰ This is the wages from Jehovah of the one resisting me^u
- And of those speaking evil against my soul.^v
- ²¹ But you are Jehovah^a the Sovereign^y Lord.^b
- Deal with me for the sake of your name.^z
- Because your loving-kindness^c is good, deliver me.^{*}
- ²² For I am afflicted and poor,[□]
- And my heart itself has been pierced^d within me.^Δ
- ²³ Like a shadow when it declines, I am obliged to go away,[◊]
- I have been shaken off like a locust.[⊕]
- ²⁴ My knees themselves have swayed from fasting,^{*}
- And my very flesh has grown lean, without any oil.[®]
- ²⁵ And to them I myself have become something reproachable.^{*}
- They see me—they begin wagging their head.^{c*}
- ²⁶ Help me, O Jehovah[®] my God,^k
- Save me according to your loving-kindness.^{cn}
- ²⁷ And may they know that this is your hand,^r
- That you yourself, O Jehovah, have done it.^s
- ²⁸ Let them, for their part, pronounce a malediction,^t
- But may you, for your part, pronounce a blessing.^u

^a "Jehovah." M, *Y'ho.wih'*; because followed by *A.do.nay'*. ^b "The Sovereign Lord." M, *A.do.nay'*. ^c Or, "loyal love." ^d Literally, "one has pierced my heart itself," M.

They have risen up, but let them be
ashamed.^v
And let your own servant rejoice.^y
²⁹ Let those resisting me be clothed with humili-
ation.^z
And let them enwrap themselves with their
shame just as with a sleeveless coat.^a
³⁰ I shall laud Jehovah very much with my
mouth,^b
And in among many people I shall praise
him.^c
³¹ For he will stand at the right hand of the poor,^d
To save [him] from those judging his soul.^e

Of David. A melody.

110 The utterance of Jehovah to my
Lord^a is:^b
"Sit at my right hand"
"Until I place your enemies as a stool for
your feet."^c
² The rod^k of your strength Jehovah will send
out of Zion:ⁿ
"Go subduing in the midst of your ene-
mies."^r
³ Your people will offer themselves willingly^b
on the day of your military force;^t
In the splendors of holiness,^u from the
womb^o of the dawn,^{cv}
You have your company of young men just
like dewdrops.^{dy}
⁴ Jehovah has sworn^o (and he will not feel
sorry):^z

^a Or, "Master." M, *A.dōn'*. ^b Literally, "will be voluntary offer-
ings"; or, "altogether free will." That is, prompt volunteers. M,
n'da-bōth'. (As in Exodus 35:29; 36:3) ^c "Dawn." M, *mish-har'*.
LXX, *he-ōs-phō-ros*; Vg, *lu'ci-fer*. Compare Isaiah 14:12. ^d Or,
more literally, "You have the dew of your youth"; or, "You have
your youth as dew itself." M.

vIsa 65:15
yIsa 65:13
Joh 16:22
Heb 12:2
zPs 109:20
*Ps 6:10
Ps 35:26
Ps 132:18
Mic 7:10
oPs 7:17
Ps 9:1
aPs 22:22
Heb 2:12
bPs 72:4
cPr 22:23
dMt 22:43
eMr 12:36
Ac 2:34
Eph 1:20
Heb 12:2
*Ac 2:35
1Co 15:25
Heb 1:13
Heb 10:13
kEx 7:19
Mic 7:14
Mt 28:18
Ac 2:36
1Co 4:21
oPs 135:5
nIsa 2:3
Mic 4:2
Re 14:1
rPs 2:9
Ps 45:5
Mt 24:30
Re 1:7
aJg 5:2
Ps 22:27
Ps 119:108
tEx 14:4
1Sa 17:20
2Sa 8:9
2Sa 24:2
2Ki 11:15
uPs 96:9
oJer 1:5
vGe 32:24
Job 38:12
yGe 27:28
Ac 4:4
Re 7:9
oIsa 14:24
zPs 89:35
Heb 7:20

*Ps 132:9
*Heb 7:21
Heb 7:28
oGe 14:18
Zec 6:13
Heb 5:6
Heb 6:20
aPs 16:8
oPr 14:35
oPr 4:18
oPs 2:2
Eze 38:18
Re 19:19
*Ps 50:4
oJer 25:33
*Ge 3:15
Eze 39:11
Hab 3:13
*Jg 7:5
kPs 3:3
nEx 15:2
Ps 68:4
Ps 150:6
Re 19:1
oPs 117:2
rEx 15:2
Ps 9:1
Ac 2:5
Ps 107:8
Ps 138:1
sJob 19:19
Ps 55:14
Ps 89:7
Jer 6:11
t1Ki 8:5
Ps 1:5
Ps 7:7
uJob 9:10
Ps 92:5
Ps 104:24
Ps 139:14
Isa 40:12
Re 15:3
vPs 77:12
Ps 92:4
Ps 143:5
yDe 32:4
Ps 64:9
Isa 5:12
zEx 15:6
1Ch 16:27
Job 40:10
Ps 145:12
Isa 2:10
*Ps 103:17

"You are a priest^o to time indefinite"
"According to the manner of Mel-chiz'e-
dek!"^o
⁵ Jehovah^a himself at your right hand^a
Will certainly break kings^o to pieces on the
day^o of his anger.^d
⁶ He will execute judgment among the nations;⁺
He will cause a fullness of dead bodies.^o
He will certainly break to pieces the head
one over a populous land.^x
⁷ From the torrent valley in the way he will
drink.⁺
That is why he will raise high his head.^{bk}

111 ^c Praise Jah,^o you people!^{dn}
ⁿ [Aleph]
I shall laud Jehovah with all [my] heart^r
^o [Beth]
In the intimate group^a of upright ones and
the assembly.^t
^o [Gimel]
³ The works of Jehovah are great,^u
^o [Daleth]
Searched for on the part of all those de-
lighting in them.^v
^o [He]
³ His activity^y is dignity and splendor them-
selves,^z
^o [Waw]
And his righteousness is standing forever.⁺

^a "Jehovah," LXXVgSy and many Hebrew manuscripts; "The
She-ki'nah of Jehovah," T; *A.do.nay'*, M. This is one of the 134
passages where the Jewish Sopherim altered the primitive Hebrew
text to read *A.do.nay'* in place of *Y'ho.wah'*. ^b "His head," Sy and
two Hebrew manuscripts; "the head," MLXXVg. ^c This is an
alphabetic or acrostic psalm. See Psalms 9, 10, 25, 34 (footnote a
on verse 6), 37. ^d See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b.

† [Zayin]

⁴ A memorial he has made for his wonderful works.[□]

n [Heth]

Jehovah is gracious and merciful.[△]

b [Teth]

⁵ Food he has given to those fearing him.[◊]

, [Yod]

To time indefinite he will remember his covenant.^{*}

□ [Kaph]

⁶ The power of his works he has told to his people,[Ⓢ]

b [Lamed]

In giving them the possession of the nations.^{*}

b [Mem]

⁷ The works of his hands are truth and judgment;[Ⓢ]

j [Nun]

Trustworthy are all the orders he gives,^k

□ [Samekh]

⁸ Well supported forever, to time indefinite,ⁿ

y [Ayin]

Done in truth and uprightness.^r

b [Pe]

⁹ He has sent redemption itself to his people.[Ⓢ]

y [Tsade]

To time indefinite he has commanded his covenant.^t

b [Qoph]

His name is holy and fear-inspiring.^u

r [Resh]

¹⁰ The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom.^{◊v}

◊De 31:19
Jos 4:7

△Ex 34:6
Ps 78:38
Ps 86:5

◊Ps 34:9
Ps 37:3
Mt 6:32

ⓈNe 1:5
Ps 89:34
Ps 105:8

ⓈDe 4:32
Jos 6:20
Jos 10:13
Ps 78:12
Ps 105:27

ⓈPs 2:8
Ps 44:2
Ps 78:55
Ps 80:8
Ps 105:44

ⓈDe 32:4
Ps 85:10
Ps 89:14
Ps 98:3
Re 15:4

kPs 19:8
Ps 103:18
Ps 119:4
Ps 119:69
Ps 119:159

nPs 119:87
Ps 119:100
rPs 19:9
Ps 119:128
Re 15:3

ⓈEx 15:13
De 15:15
Ps 130:7
Isa 44:8
Mt 1:21

Lu 1:68
Re 7:10
t2Sa 23:5
1Ch 16:15

Isa 55:3
Jer 33:20
uEx 15:11
De 28:58
Ps 89:7

Ps 99:3
Isa 6:3
De 4:8
ⓈPr 2:6
vJob 28:28
Pr 1:7

w [Sin]

All those doing them have a good insight.^v

n [Taw]

His praise is standing forever.^z

112 Praise Jah, you people!^{a*}

Ⓢ [Aleph]

Happy[◊] is the man^b in fear of Jehovah,[◊]

b [Beth]

In whose commandments[Ⓢ] he has taken very much delight.[△]

j [Gimel]

² Mighty in the earth his offspring^c will become.[◊]

r [Daleth]

As for the generation of the upright ones, it will be blessed.^{*}

n [He]

³ Valuable things and riches are in his house,[Ⓢ]

y [Waw]

And his righteousness is standing forever.^{*}

† [Zayin]

⁴ He has flashed up in the darkness as a light to the upright ones.^{d*}

n [Heth]

He is gracious and merciful and righteous.^k

b [Teth]

⁵ The man^b is good that is gracious and is lending.ⁿ

, [Yod]

He sustains his affairs with justice.^{er}

□ [Kaph]

⁶ For at no time will he be made to totter.^s

vDe 4:6
Jos 1:8
Pr 3:4
2Ti 3:15
zPs 145:2
1Pe 1:7
*Ex 15:2
Ps 68:4
Ps 150:6
Isa 38:11
Re 19:1
◊Ps 119:1
◊Ps 111:10
Ps 115:11
Ps 128:1
ⓈPs 119:6

△Ps 1:2
Ps 40:8
Ro 7:22

◊Ps 25:13
Ps 37:29
Ps 102:28
Ac 2:39

*Ge 17:7
Ge 22:17
Ps 37:26
Pr 20:7

ⓈPr 3:16
Pr 15:6
Isa 43:6
Mt 6:33
Php 4:18

1Ti 6:6
*Ps 111:3
Isa 32:17
Isa 51:8

ⓈPs 37:6
Ps 97:11
Isa 50:10
Isa 58:10

Isa 60:1
kNe 9:17
Lu 6:36
Eph 4:32

Col 3:13
nDe 15:8
Job 31:16
Pr 2:20

Pr 12:2
Lu 6:35
Lu 23:50
rPs 119:66

Ro 12:11
Eph 5:15
ⓈPs 15:5
Ps 62:2

Ps 125:1
2Pe 1:10

^a See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. ^b "Man." M, *ish*. ^c Or, "seed."

^d Or, "In the darkness light has shone forth for the upright ones."

^e Or, "in judgment."

↳ [Lamed]

The righteous one will prove to be for remembrance to time indefinite.^t

↳ [Mem]

⁷ He will not be afraid even of bad news.^u

↳ [Nun]

His heart is steadfast,^v made reliant upon Jehovah.^v

↳ [Samekh]

⁸ His heart is unshakable,^z he will not be afraid,^z

↳ [Ayin]

Until he looks on his adversaries.^z

↳ [Pe]

⁹ He has distributed widely,^a he has given to the poor ones.^a

↳ [Tsade]

His righteousness is standing forever.^o

↳ [Qoph]

His own horn will be exalted with glory.^t

↳ [Resh]

¹⁰ The wicked one himself will see and certainly become offended.^e

↳ [Shin]

He will grind his very teeth and certainly melt away.^e

↳ [Taw]

The desire of the wicked ones will perish.^e

113^b Praise Jah, you people!^{ck}
Offer praise,^d O you servants of Jehovah,ⁿ

Praise^d the name of Jehovah.^r

² May Jehovah's name become blessed^s
From now on and to time indefinite.^t

^a Or, "He has scattered abroad." ^b Psalm 113 is the first of the six Hallel Psalms. ^c See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. ^d M, Hal. l'lu'.

tNe 5:19
Pr 10:7
Isa 38:3
Mt 25:46
Heb 6:10
uPs 27:1
Ps 56:4
Pr 3:25
Lu 21:9
vPs 57:7
Ps 118:6
Isa 26:3
Ac 21:13
yPs 62:8
Ps 64:10
Ps 118:8
Joh 14:1
Ac 27:25
zPs 27:14
Ps 31:24
Heb 13:9
*2Ch 20:15
Ps 56:11
-Ps 59:10
Ps 91:8
Ps 92:11
Ps 118:7
-De 15:11
Pr 11:24
Mr 14:7
2Co 9:7
De 24:13
Mt 6:14
1Co 15:58
Heb 6:10
-Isa 2:1
Ps 75:10
-Es 6:11
Isa 65:14
Lu 13:28
-Ps 37:12
Ps 58:7
Mt 22:13
-Pr 10:28
Pr 17:7
Mt 25:41
kEx 15:2
Ps 68:4
Ps 150:6
Isa 38:11
Re 19:1
nPs 33:1
Ps 103:21
Ps 134:1
Ps 145:10
Eph 5:19
Re 19:5
vPs 135:1
s1Ch 29:10
Da 2:20
Joh 17:26
t1Ch 16:36
Ps 106:48

uIsa 24:16
Hab 2:14
vPs 72:19
Ps 86:9
Ro 15:9
yPs 97:9
Ps 99:2
Isa 40:17
z1Kl 8:27
Ps 8:1
-Isa 36:7
*Ex 15:11
De 33:26
Ps 89:6
-Ps 11:4
Isa 57:15
-Ps 68:33
Ps 138:6
Isa 66:2
-Ps 22:15
Isa 26:19
*Isa 2:7
2Sa 7:8
Job 2:8
-Ge 41:41
*Isa 32:1
Re 5:10
*Isa 2:5
kIsa 54:1
Ga 4:27
nPs 112:1
vEx 12:41
sGe 42:23
Ps 81:5
tGe 49:10
Ex 25:8
Ps 76:1
Ps 78:68
uEx 6:7
Ex 19:6
De 27:9
De 32:9
vEx 14:21
Ps 106:9
1Co 10:1
cIsa 9:1
yJos 3:16
Ps 74:15
pPr 8:25
-Isa 1:11
zEx 19:18
Jg 5:4
*Ps 65:12
Jer 4:24
-Ex 15:8
Jos 2:10

³ From the rising of the sun until its setting^u
Jehovah's name is to be praised.^v

⁴ Jehovah has become high above all the nations;^v

His glory is above the heavens.^z

⁵ Who is like Jehovah^c our God,^{*}

He who is making his dwelling on high?^z

⁶ He is condescending to look on heaven and earth,^a

⁷ Raising up the lowly one from the very dust;^o
He exalts the poor one from the ashpit
itself,^{*}

⁸ To make [him] sit with nobles,^b

With the nobles of his people.^x

⁹ He is causing the barren woman to dwell in a house^{*}

As a joyful mother of sons.^k

Praise Jah, you people!^{an}

114 When Israel went forth from Egypt,^{br}
The house of Jacob from a people
speaking unintelligibly,^s

² Judah became his sanctuary,^t

Israel his grand dominion.^u

³ The sea itself saw and took to flight;^v

As for the Jordan,^o it began to turn back.^v

⁴ The mountains^p themselves skipped about like
rams,^{oz}

The hills^p like lambs.^{c*}

⁵ What was the matter with you, O sea, that you
took to flight,^z

^a See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. ^b Appropriately Psalms 113 and 114 were sung early in the Passover meal as part of the six Hallel Psalms, which were sung after the second and fourth cups of wine drunk at the meal. Psalms 115-118, which constituted the rest of the Hallel Psalms, were sung after the Passover meal, as doubtless in the case of Jesus and his disciples.—Matthew 26:30.

^c Literally, "sons of sheep [or, of the flock]," M.

- O Jordan, that you began to turn back?^a
 O mountains, that you went skipping about
 like rams;^o
 O hills, like lambs?^{a*}
 Because of the Lord^b be in severe pains, O
 earth,^o
 Because of the God^o of Jacob,^{*}
 Who is changing the rock into a reedy pool
 of water,^{*}
 A flinty rock into a spring of water.^k

115 ^d To us belongs nothing, O Jehovah,
 to us belongs nothing,ⁿ

- But to your name give glory^r
 According to your loving-kindness,^e accord-
 ing to your trueness.^{fs}
 Why should the nations say:^t
 "Where, now, is their God?"^u
 But our God is in the heavens;^v
 Everything in which he took a delight he
 has done.^y
 Their idols are silver^o and gold,^z
 The work of the hands of earthling man.^g^o
 A mouth they have, but they cannot speak;^o
 Eyes they have, but they cannot see;^a
 Ears they have, but they cannot hear.^o
 A nose they have, but they cannot smell.^{*}
 Hands are theirs, but they cannot feel.^o
 Feet are theirs, but they cannot walk;^{*}
 They utter no sound with their throat.^{*}
 Those making them will become just like
 them,^k

^a Literally, "sons of sheep [or, of the flock]," M. ^b "The Lord." M, *A.dōn'*. ^c "God." M, *El-o'ah*. ^d Many Hebrew manuscripts and LXXth combine Psalm 115 with Psalm 114 to form one continuous psalm of 26 verses. ^e Or, "loyal love." ^f Or, "truthfulness"; or, "truth." M, *em-eth'*; Vg, *ver'i-tas*. ^g "Earthling man." M, *a.dam'*.

^aJos 4:1
 Jos 4:23
^oIsa 64:1
^{*}Mic 6:1
^oJob 9:6
 Ps 77:18
 Ps 97:4
 Jer 5:22
^{*}Ps 76:6
^oPr 30:5
^{*}Ex 17:6
 Nu 20:11
 kDe 8:15
 nJob 7:17
 rJos 7:9
 Ps 79:9
 Isa 48:11
 Eze 36:32
^{*}Ps 61:7
 Ps 89:1
 Mic 7:20
 Joh 1:17
 tEx 32:12
 Nu 14:15
 De 32:27
 2Ki 19:10
^uPs 42:3
 Ps 79:10
 Joe 2:17
^vPs 2:4
 Ps 123:1
 Mt 6:9
^yPs 135:6
 Isa 46:10
 Da 4:35
 Ro 9:19
^oPr 2:4
^oPr 12:3
 zPs 97:7
 Ps 135:15
 Jer 10:9
^{*}De 4:28
 Isa 40:19
 Ho 8:6
 Hab 2:18
 Ac 19:26
^oJer 10:8
 Hab 2:19
^aPs 135:16
^oPs 135:17
^{*}1Co 10:19
^o1Sa 5:4
 Ps 135:18
^{*}Ac 17:29
^{*}1Sa 5:3
 kIsa 44:9

n2Ki 21:21
 Ps 97:7
 r2Ki 18:22
 1Ch 5:20
 Ps 62:8
 sDe 33:29
 Ps 33:20
 tEx 28:1
 uNu 16:40
 Nu 18:7
 vPs 147:11
^oPr 33:18
 zPs 25:7
 Ps 136:23
 Ac 10:4
^{*}Ge 12:2
 Ps 67:7
 Ac 3:26
 Ga 3:14
 Heb 3:3
^oPs 115:10
^aPs 29:11
 Lu 1:50
 Ac 13:26
^{*}Ac 26:22
 Re 11:18
 Re 19:5
 Re 20:12
^{*}Ge 13:16
 Isa 2:2
^oGe 17:7
^{*}Ps 3:8
 Eph 1:3
^oGe 14:19
 Ps 146:6
 kPs 89:11
 Isa 66:1
^oEc 9:5
 nGe 1:28
 De 32:8
 Ps 37:29
 Isa 45:18
 Jer 27:5
^rPs 65
 Ps 30:9
 Ec 9:5
 Isa 38:18
 s1Sa 2:9
 Ps 31:17
 tPs 68:4
 uPs 113:2
 vPs 112:1
 yPs 18:6
 z1Sa 1:26
^{*}Ps 55:16
^oJob 27:10

- All those who are trusting in them.ⁿ
 O Israel, trust in Jehovah;^r
 He is their help and their shield.^s
 O house of Aaron, put YOUR trust in Jehovah;^t
 He is their help and their shield.^u
 You that fear Jehovah, trust in Jehovah;^v
 He is their help and their shield.^y
 Jehovah himself has remembered us; he will
 bless,^z
 He will bless the house of Israel,^{*}
 He will bless the house of Aaron.^o
 He will bless those fearing Jehovah,^a
 The small ones as well as the great ones.^o
 Jehovah will give increase to YOU,^{*}
 To YOU and to YOUR sons.^o
 You are the ones blessed by Jehovah,^{*}
 The Maker of heaven and earth.^{*}
 As regards the heavens, to Jehovah the heav-
 ens belong,^k
 But the earth he has given to the sons of
 men.^{an}
 The dead^o themselves do not praise Jah,^{br}
 Nor do any going down into silence.^s
 But we ourselves^c will bless Jah^{dt}
 From now on and to time indefinite.^u
 Praise Jah, YOU people!^{ev}

116 I do love, because Jehovah hears^{fy}
 My voice, my entreaties.^{sz}
 For he has inclined his ear to me,^{*}
 And throughout my days I shall call.^o

^a "Men." M, *a.dam'*. ^b M, *Yah*. See Psalm 68:4, footnote a. ^c "We ourselves." M; "we the living," LXX; "we who are alive," Vg. ^d "Jah," MT; "Jehovah," VgSy; "the Lord," LXX. ^e See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. ^f Or, "I have loved that Jehovah should hear." ^g "My voice, my entreaties," M; "the voice of my supplication (prayer)," LXXVgSy.

³ The ropes of death encircled me^a

And the distressing circumstances of She'ol
themselves found me.^o

Distress and grief I kept finding.^{*}

⁴ But upon the name of Jehovah I proceeded
to call:^o

"Ah, Jehovah, do provide my soul^a with
escape!"^{xx}

⁵ Jehovah is gracious and righteous,[#]

And our God is One showing mercy.^k

⁶ Jehovah is guarding the inexperienced ones.ⁿ

I was impoverished and he proceeded to
save even me.^r

⁷ Return to your resting place, O my soul,^{as}

For Jehovah himself has acted appropri-
ately toward you.^t

⁸ For you have rescued my soul^a from death,^u

My eye from tears,^v my foot from stum-
bling.^y

⁹ I will walk^z before Jehovah in the lands of
those living.^{c*}

^{10b} I had faith,^o for I proceeded to speak.^a

I myself was very much afflicted.

¹¹ For my part I said when I became panicky:^{*}

"Every man^c is a liar."^o

¹² What shall I repay to Jehovah^{*}

For all his benefits to me?^o

¹³ The cup of grand salvation^o I shall take up,

And on the name of Jehovah I shall call.ⁿ

¹⁴ My vows I shall pay to Jehovah,^r

Yes, in front of all his people.^s

¹⁵ Precious in the eyes of Jehovah^t

Is the death of his men of loving-kindness.^u

APs 18:4

Isa 38:10

Ps 38:6

Isa 53:3

2Ch 33:13

Ps 34:6

Ps 41:1

Ps 89:48

Ps 118:25

Ex 34:6

Ps 103:8

Ps 112:4

Ps 119:137

Ro 3:25

Ex 20:6

Ne 9:17

Da 9:9

Ps 19:7

Mt 11:25

Ps 79:8

Ps 106:43

Ps 142:6

Ps 95:11

Heb 4:8

Heb 4:10

Ps 13:6

Ps 119:17

uPs 56:13

Ps 86:13

Isa 25:8

Re 21:4

uPs 94:18

zGe 17:1

Lu 1:6

Ps 27:13

Isa 53:8

Ec 9:5

Ge 15:6

2Co 4:13

Heb 11:1

Nu 14:8

2Pe 1:21

Isa 27:1

2K1 4:16

Jer 9:5

Ro 3:4

1Co 6:20

Ps 103:2

Ps 119:155

Nu 105:1

Mt 26:42

Joh 17:26

rPs 22:25

Joh 17:4

sIsa 53:8

Joh 18:37

Isa 25:29

Ps 37:33

uPs 50:5

Php 3:10

vPs 116:4
Ps 118:25

Na 2:7

Ps 119:125

Ps 143:12

Isa 43:10

Mt 24:45

Joh 12:26

zPs 86:16

2Ch 33:13

Ps 107:14

Isa 61:1

Ro 6:22

Ps 107:22

Heb 13:15

Ro 10:13

Ps 22:25

Ps 76:11

Ec 5:5

Ps 116:14

Ps 96:8

Ps 135:2

Ps 122:3

Ps 112:1

kPs 113:1

Re 19:6

nGe 25:16

Nu 25:15

rPs 89:1

sPs 71:22

Ps 100:5

Lu 1:55

Ps 122:4

tPs 111:1

uPs 107:1

Mt 19:17

vPs 136:1

yPs 115:9

zPs 136:2

*Ps 115:10

Ps 135:19

1Pe 2:5

Ps 136:3

Ps 22:23

Re 19:5

Ps 136:4

*Ps 77:11

Ps 89:8

Ps 107:19

¹⁶ Ah, now, O Jehovah,^v

For I am your servant.^y

I am your servant, the son of your slave^o
girl.^z

You have loosened my bands.^{*}

¹⁷ To you I shall offer the sacrifice of thanks-
giving.^o

And on the name of Jehovah I shall call.^a

¹⁸ My vows I shall pay to Jehovah,^o

Yes, in front of all his people.^{*}

¹⁹ In the courtyards of the house of Jehovah,^o

In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.^{*}

Praise Jah, you people!^{a*}

117 Praise Jehovah, all you nations;^k
Commend him, all you clans.ⁿ

² For toward us his loving-kindness^b has proved
mighty,^r

And the truthness^c of Jehovah is to time
indefinite.^s

Praise Jah,^o you people!^{at}

118 LAUD Jehovah, for he is good;^u
For his loving-kindness^b is to time
indefinite.^v

² Let Israel now say:^y

"For his loving-kindness^b is to time in-
definite."^z

³ Let those of the house of Aaron now say:^{*}

"For his loving-kindness^b is to time in-
definite."^o

⁴ Let those fearing Jehovah now say:^a

"For his loving-kindness^b is to time in-
definite."^o

⁵ Out of the distressing circumstances I called
upon Jah,^{d*}

^a "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-che'*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*. ^b With this verse (10) LXXVg begin a new psalm, Psalm 115, with the superscription "Hallelujah." ^c "Man." M, *ha-a-dam'*. Or, "(All) mankind."

^a See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c Or, "truthfulness"; or, "truth." M, *em-eth'*. ^d See Psalm 68:4, footnote a.

- Jah^a answered [and put] me into a roomy place.^b
- ⁶ Jehovah is on my side;^c I shall not fear.^d
What can earthling man^d do to me?^e
- ⁷ Jehovah is on my side^c among those helping me,^k
So that I myself shall look upon those hating me.ⁿ
- ⁸ It is better to take refuge in Jehovah^r
Than to trust in earthling man.^{da}
- ⁹ It is better to take refuge in Jehovah^t
Than to trust in nobles.^u
- ¹⁰ All the nations themselves surrounded me.^v
It was in the name of Jehovah that I kept holding them off.^y
- ¹¹ They surrounded me, yes, they had me surrounded.^z
It was in the name of Jehovah that I kept holding them off.
- ¹² They surrounded me like bees;^z
They were extinguished like a fire of thorn-bushes.^z
It was in the name of Jehovah that I kept holding them off.^a
- ¹³ You pushed me hard that I should fall,^z
But Jehovah himself helped me.^a
- ¹⁴ Jah^a is my shelter and my might,^e
And to me he becomes salvation.^a
- ¹⁵ The voice of a joyful cry and salvation^a
Is in the tents^o of the righteous ones.^k
The right hand of Jehovah is demonstrat-
ing vital energy.ⁿ

^a See Psalm 68:4, footnote a. ^b According to the vowel-pointing of many Hebrew manuscripts: "He answered me with the roomy place of Jah"; or, "with a spacious (very roomy) place." ^c Or, "Jehovah is mine (belongs to me)." ^d "Earthling man." ^e M, a-dam'. ^f Or, possibly, "Jah is my strength and my melody."

- ¹⁶ The right hand of Jehovah is exalting [itself],^{ar}
The right hand of Jehovah is demonstrat-
ing vital energy.^a
- ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall keep living,^t
That I may declare the works of Jah.^{bu}
- ¹⁸ Jah^c corrected me severely,^v
But he did not give me over to death itself.^y
- ¹⁹ OPEN to me the gates of righteousness.^z
I shall go into them; I shall laud Jah.^{c*}
- ²⁰ This is the gate of Jehovah.^z
The righteous themselves will go into it.^a
- ²¹ I shall laud you, for you answered me^o
And you came to be my salvation.^a
- ²² The stone^o that the builders rejected^o
Has become the head of the corner.^a
- ²³ This^d has come to be from Jehovah himself;^a
It^d is wonderful in our eyes.^k
- ²⁴ This is the day that Jehovah has made;^{en}
We will be joyful and rejoice in it.^r
- ²⁵ Ah, now, Jehovah, do save, please!^a
Ah, now, Jehovah, do grant success, please!^t
- ²⁶ Blessed be the One coming in the name of
Jehovah;^u
We have blessed you people out of the
house of Jehovah.^v
- ²⁷ Jehovah is the Divine One,^{f*}
And he gives us light.^z
BIND the festival procession^m with boughs,^a
As far as the horns of the altar.^o
- ²⁸ You are my Divine One,^{f*} and I shall laud you;^o

^a "Me," LXXVgSy. ^b M, Yah; LXXVgSy, "Jehovah." ^c See Psalm 68:4, footnote a. ^d "This . . . it." In the Hebrew both these pronouns are in the feminine gender, the same as the word for "stone." So these pronouns could refer to "The stone." ^e Or, "This is the day that Jehovah has done [it]." ^f "Divine One." Or, "God." M, El.

My God^a—I shall exalt you.*

²⁹ LAUD Jehovah, for he is good;*

For his loving-kindness^b is to time indefinite.^k

■ [Aleph]^c

119^d Happy^e are the ones faultless in [their] way,ⁿ

The ones walking in the law^o of Jehovah.*

* Happy are those observing his reminders;*

With all the heart they keep searching for him.*

* Really they have practiced no unrighteousness.^o

In his ways they have walked.^a

* You yourself have commandingly given your orders^b

To be carefully kept.

* O that my ways were firmly established To keep your regulations!*

* In that case I should not be ashamed,*

When I look to all your commandments.^o

* I shall laud you in uprightness of heart,*

When I learn your righteous judicial^o decisions.^k

* Your regulations I continue to keep.ⁿ

O do not leave me entirely.^r

■ [Beth]^c

* How will a young man cleanse his path?*

By keeping on guard according to your word.^{tt}

¹⁰ With my whole heart I have searched for you.^u

^a "God." M, *Elo-him*. ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c Each verse in this opening section begins with the first Hebrew letter, *aleph*. ^d This is an alphabetic psalm, with 22 strophes to correspond with the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet, each strophe containing eight verses. ^e Each verse in this section begins with the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *beth*, or the English letter "b." ^f Or, "cleanse his path so as to keep on guard according to your word?"

*Ps 145:1
Isa 12:2
*Ps 107:1

kEzr 3:11
Ps 118:1
n2Ki 20:3
Ps 32:2
CPs 137:8
rPs 1:2
sPs 19:7
*Pr 3:1
*De 4:29
1Ki 8:48
1Ch 22:19
2Ch 31:21
Jer 29:13
Mr 12:30
*1Jo 3:9
1Jo 5:18
*Ge 5:22
Ps 81:13
*De 5:33
Ps 111:7
Jer 7:23
Joh 14:21
1Jo 5:3
*De 4:5
Ps 119:131
Ro 7:22
CPs 119:31
Ps 119:80
*Joh 15:14
*Pr 6:20
*1Ch 29:17
Ps 9:1
*Pr 13:23
kDe 5:1
De 6:1
Ps 19:9
Ps 25:4
nDe 4:1
Jos 24:15
Ps 119:106
rPs 38:21
Ps 51:11
*Pr 1:10
Pr 7:7
Lu 15:13
2Ti 2:22
tJas 1:7
Jas 1:21
u1Sa 7:3
2Ch 15:15

vPs 119:131
Pr 3:1
yJob 22:22
Ps 119:133
Lu 2:51
zPs 19:13
*Ps 124:6
CPs 119:26
APs 19:9
Ps 40:9
CPs 19:7
Ps 119:111
Jer 15:16
CPs 122:4
*Job 23:12
Ps 19:10
Ps 119:72
CPs 19:8
Ps 111:7
*Isa 26:8
*Jer 44:10
*De 6:2
2Sa 22:23
Jer 44:10
kPs 119:93
Pr 3:1
nPs 13:6
Ps 116:7
Php 4:19
rPs 17:4
Jas 1:22
sIsa 35:5
Ac 26:18
Eph 1:18
tHo 8:12
Heb 10:1
CPs 146:9
uGe 47:9
1Ch 29:15
1Pe 2:11
vPs 19:8
Ec 12:13
yPs 63:1
Ca 5:8
*Jer 11:3
zNu 36:13
Ps 105:5
*Ex 10:3
Mal 4:1
1Pe 5:5
CPs 6:33
CPs 5:9
1Sa 25:39
APs 19:7
*1Sa 20:31
Ps 2:2
Lu 22:66

Do not cause me to go astray from your commandments.^v

¹¹ In my heart I have treasured up^a your saying,^y

In order that I may not sin against you.^z

¹² Blessed you are, O Jehovah.*

Teach me your regulations.^o

¹³ With my lips I have declared

All the judicial decisions of your mouth.^a

¹⁴ In the way of your reminders^o I have exulted,^b

Just as over all other valuable things.^b

¹⁵ With your orders I will concern myself,^o

And I will look to your paths.*

¹⁶ For your statutes^o I shall show a fondness.*

I shall not forget your word.^k

■ [Gimel]^c

¹⁷ Act appropriately toward your servant, that I may liveⁿ

And that I may keep your word.^r

¹⁸ Uncover my eyes, that I may look^a

At the wonderful things out of your law.^t

¹⁹ I am but a temporary^o resident in the land.^u

Do not conceal from me your commandments.^v

²⁰ My soul is crushed with longing^y

For your judicial decisions all the time.^z

²¹ You have rebuked the cursed^o presumptuous ones,*

Who are straying from your commandments.

²² Roll off me reproach^o and contempt,^o

For I have observed your own reminders.^a

²³ Even princes have sat; against me they have spoken with one another.^b

* Or, "I have concealed." ^b "More than over all other riches," Sy.
* Every verse in this section begins with the Hebrew letter *gimel*, or the English "g."

- As for your servant, he keeps concerning himself with your regulations.*
- ²⁴ Also your reminders are what I am fond of,^a
As men of my counsel.^b
- י [Daleth]^a
- ²⁵ My soul has been cleaving to the very dust.*
Preserve me alive^b according to your word.^k
- ²⁶ I have declared my own ways, that you may answer me.ⁿ
Teach me your regulations.^r
- ²⁷ Make me understand the way of your own orders,^s
That I may concern myself with your wonderful works.^t
- ²⁸ My soul has been sleepless from grief.^u
Raise me up according to your word.^v
- ²⁹ Remove from me even the false way,^y
And favor me with your own law.^z
- ³⁰ The way of faithfulness I have chosen.*
Your judicial decisions I have considered appropriate.[□]
- ³¹ I have cleaved to your reminders.[▲]
O Jehovah, do not put me to shame.[◊]
- ³² I shall run the very way of your commandments,⁺
Because you make my heart[◊] have the room.^{c◊}
- ה [He]^d
- ³³ Instruct me, O Jehovah, in the way of your regulations,^{*}
That I may observe it down to the last.*

* Every verse in this section begins with the Hebrew letter *daleth*, or the English "d." ^b Or, "Bring me to life." ^c Or, "courage." ^d Each verse in this fifth section begins with the fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *he*, or the English "h."

- ³⁴ Make me understand, that I may observe your law.^k
And that I may keep it with the whole heart.ⁿ
- ³⁵ Cause me to tread in the pathway of your commandments,^r
For in it I have taken delight.^s
- ³⁶ Incline my heart to your reminders,^t
And not to profits.^{au}
- ³⁷ Make my eyes pass on from seeing what is worthless;^v
Preserve me alive in your own way.^y
- ³⁸ Carry out to your servant your saying^z
That [tends] to the fear of you.*
- ³⁹ Make my reproach pass away, of which I have been scared,[□]
For your judicial decisions are good.[▲]
- ⁴⁰ Look! I have longed for your orders.[◊]
In your righteousness preserve me alive.⁺
- י [Waw]^b
- ⁴¹ And may your loving-kindnesses^c come to me,
O Jehovah,[◊]
Your salvation according to your saying,^{*}
- ⁴² That I may answer the one reproaching me with a word,⁺
For I have trusted in your word.^k
- ⁴³ And do not take away from my mouth the word of truth entirely,ⁿ
For I have waited for your own judicial decision.^r
- ⁴⁴ And I will keep your law constantly,^s
To time indefinite, even forever.

* Or, "unjust profit." ^b In this sixth section each verse begins with the sixth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *waw*, or the English "w." ^c "Loving-kindnesses," SyT and many Hebrew manuscripts; "loving-kindness," M, but with a plural verb.

- 45 And I will walk about in a roomy place,^t
For I have searched even for your orders.^u
- 46 I will also speak about your reminders in
front of kings,^v
And I shall not be ashamed.^y
- 47 And I shall show a fondness for your com-
mandments^z
That I have loved.*
- 48 And I shall raise my palms to your command-
ments that I have loved,[□]
And I will concern myself with your regu-
lations.⁴

† [Zayin]^a

- 49 Remember the word to your servant,[□]
For which you have made me wait.*
- 50 This is my comfort in my affliction,[□]
For your own saying has preserved me
alive.*
- 51 The presumptuous ones themselves have de-
rided me to the extreme.*
From your law I have not deviated.^k
- 52 I have remembered your judicial decisions
from time indefinite, O Jehovah,ⁿ
And I find comfort for myself.^r
- 53 A raging heat itself has taken hold of me be-
cause of the wicked,^s
Who are leaving your law.^t
- 54 Melodies your regulations have become to me^u
In the house of my temporary residences.^v
- 55 In the night I have remembered your name,
O Jehovah,^y
That I may keep your law.^z
- 56 Even this has become mine,
Because your orders I have observed.*

* In this seventh section every verse begins with the seventh letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *zayin*, or the English "z."

tPs 31:8
Ps 118:5
uPs 119:94
Ps 119:141
Joh 5:39
v2Sa 12:7
Ps 93:5
Ps 119:168
Da 5:22
Mt 10:18
Ac 26:2
yMr 8:38
Ro 1:16
2Ti 1:8
zPs 112:1
Ps 119:127
*Job 23:12
Ps 119:174
Ro 7:22
□De 5:10
Ec 12:13
1Jo 5:3
ΔPs 119:23
Ps 119:71
□Ge 32:9
2Sa 7:25
Ps 105:42
Ps 106:45
+Ps 71:14
Ro 15:13
Heb 11:1
□Ps 27:13
Ro 5:3
Ro 15:4
*Ps 119:25
*Ps 123:4
Pr 9:12
Pr 19:28
k1Ki 11:9
Ps 44:18
nDe 4:3
Ps 36:6
Ps 105:5
rIsa 51:3
Ro 15:4
sEzr 9:14
tIsa 8:20
1Jo 2:19
uPs 89:1
vGe 47:9
Heb 11:13
yPs 42:8
Ps 63:6
Ps 77:6
Isa 26:9
Lu 6:12
zPs 119:34
Jas 2:8
□De 33:9
Ps 119:100

n [Heth]^a

- Ps 16:5
Ps 73:26
Ps 142:5
Jer 10:16
ΔEx 19:8
Jg 11:10
2Ki 23:3
Ps 108:12
□Ex 32:11
*Ps 26:11
Ps 57:1
Ps 86:3
□Eze 18:30
Hag 1:5
Lu 15:18
2Co 13:5
*Ps 119:95
*Ac 16:33
mDe 4:2
kJob 36:8
Ps 140:5
Jer 38:6
nPs 119:136
Ro 12:21
rPs 42:8
Ac 16:25
sNe 9:13
tPs 16:3
Ps 142:7
Pr 13:20
Mal 3:16
uPs 119:56
Ps 119:69
vPs 33:5
Ps 104:13
y1Ki 8:58
Ps 119:33
Ps 119:68
Ps 119:124
zGe 39:3
Isa 18:14
Ps 136
Ps 30:11
Ps 119:17
*Ps 119:25
Ps 119:28
□1Ki 3:9
Pr 2:5
Php 1:9
ΔNe 9:13
Ps 119:172
□Jer 22:21
*Ps 119:11
Ps 119:133
Heb 12:11
- 57 Jehovah is my share,[□]
I have promised to keep your words.⁴
- 58 I have softened your face with all [my] heart.[□]
Show me favor according to your saying.*
- 59 I have considered my ways,[□]
That I may turn back my feet to your re-
minders.*
- 60 I hurried up and I did not delay[□]
To keep your commandments.^m
- 61 The very ropes of the wicked ones surrounded
me.^k
Your law I did not forget.ⁿ
- 62 At midnight I get up to laud you^r
For your righteous judicial decisions.^s
- 63 A partner I am of all those who do fear you,^t
And of those keeping your orders.^u
- 64 Your loving-kindness,^b O Jehovah, has filled
the earth.^v
Teach me your own regulations.^y

□ [Teth]^c

- 65 You have dealt well indeed with your servant,^z
O Jehovah, according to your word.*
- 66 Teach me goodness, sensibleness and knowl-
edge themselves,[□]
For in your commandments I have exer-
cised faith.⁴
- 67 Before I was under affliction I was sinning by
mistake,[□]
But now I have kept your very saying.*

* In this eighth section every verse begins with the eighth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *heth*, a strongly guttural "h" sound. ^b Or, "loyal love." ^c Every verse in this ninth section begins with the ninth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *teth*, or an emphatic English "t."

- ⁶⁸ You are good and are doing good.*
Teach me your regulations.*
- ⁶⁹ The presumptuous have smeared me with falsehood.*
As for me, with all [my] heart I shall observe your orders.^k
- ⁷⁰ Their heart has become unfeeling just like fat.ⁿ
I, for my part, have been fond of your law itself.^r
- ⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been afflicted,^s
In order that I may learn^c your regulations.^t
- ⁷² The law of your mouth is good for me,^u
More so than thousands of pieces of gold and silver.^v
- * [Yod]^a
- ⁷³ Your own hands have made me and they proceeded to fix me solidly.^y
Make me understand, that I may learn your commandments.^z
- ⁷⁴ Those fearing you are the ones that see me and rejoice,*
For I have waited for your own word.^z
- ⁷⁵ I well know, O Jehovah, that your judicial decisions are righteousness^a
And that with faithfulness you have afflicted me.^o
- ⁷⁶ May your loving-kindness^b serve, please, to comfort^c me,*
According to your saying to your servant.^c
- ⁷⁷ Let your mercies come to me, that I may keep living,*
For your law is what I am fond of.*

^a In this tenth section each verse begins with the tenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *yod*, or the English "y" (consonantal "i").

^b Or, "loyal love."

Ps 86:5
Ps 106:1
Ps 107:1
Mr 10:18
1Kl 8:58
Ps 119:64
Ps 86:14
Ps 119:51
kPs 19:8
Ps 119:56
Lu 10:27
nIsa 6:10
Ac 28:27
rPs 40:8
Ro 7:22
sPs 119:57
1Co 11:32
oPs 132:12
tPs 119:171
uPs 19:7
vPs 19:10
Pr 3:15
Pr 8:10
Pr 16:16
yJob 10:8
Ps 138:8
Ps 139:14
z1Ch 22:12
Job 32:8
Ps 119:35
Ec 12:13
*Ps 34:2
Ps 66:16
oPs 119:42
Ps 119:147
ANe 9:13
Ps 119:62
Ps 119:160
oPs 25:10
Ps 89:33
Heb 12:11
Re 3:19
*Ex 34:6
Ps 86:5
Isa 51:3
2Co 1:3
oIsa 22:4
oPs 119:41
Ps 119:116
*Ps 51:1
La 3:22
Da 9:18
*Ps 1:2
Ps 119:70

- ⁷⁸ Let the presumptuous ones be ashamed, for without cause^a they have misled me.^k
As for me, I keep concerning myself with your orders.ⁿ
- ⁷⁹ Let those fearing you turn back to me,^r
Those also knowing your reminders.^{bs}
- ⁸⁰ Let my heart prove faultless in your regulations,^t
In order that I may not be ashamed.^u
- z [Kaph]^c
- ⁸¹ For your salvation my soul has pined away;^v
For your word I have waited.^y
- ⁸² My eyes have pined away for your saying,^z
While I say: "When will you comfort me?"^z
- ⁸³ For I have become like a skin bottle in the smoke.^z
Your regulations I have not forgotten.^a
- ⁸⁴ How many are the days of your servant?^a
When will you execute judgment against those persecuting me?^a
- ⁸⁵ The presumptuous have excavated pitfalls to get me,^o
Those who are not in accord with your law.^a
- ⁸⁶ All your commandments are faithfulness itself.^a
Without cause they have persecuted me.
O help me.^k
- ⁸⁷ In a little while they would have exterminated me in the earth,ⁿ
But I myself did not leave your orders.^r

^a Or, more literally, "(with) falsehood," M. ^b Thus SyT and many Hebrew manuscripts and the marginal reading of M. However, M reads: "That they may know your reminders." ^c In this eleventh section each verse begins with the eleventh letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *kaph*, or the English "k."

k1Sa 26:18
Ps 25:3
Ps 35:19
Joh 15:25
nPs 19:8
Ps 119:45
rPs 142:7
sPs 99:7
Ps 119:2
tDe 26:16
1Kl 8:58
Pr 4:23
uPs 25:2
Ps 119:6
1Jo 2:28
vPs 73:26
Ps 84:2
yPs 119:74
Ps 119:114
zPs 69:3
*Ps 119:123
*Ps 86:17
Isa 51:3
Isa 66:13
Zec 1:17
oJos 9:4
Job 30:30
*De 4:30
Ezr 7:10
oJob 7:7
Ps 39:4
Ps 89:47
*Ps 7:6
Lu 18:7
Re 6:10
oPs 7:15
Ps 35:7
Jer 18:20
*Ps 119:53
*De 11:27
1Ch 28:7
kPs 35:7
Ps 35:19
Ps 59:3
n1Sa 20:3
2Sa 17:16
r1Sa 24:6
Ps 119:56
Ps 119:110

⁸⁸ According to your loving-kindness^a preserve me alive,^s
That I may keep the reminder of your mouth.^t

↳ [*Lamed*]^b

⁸⁹ To time indefinite, O Jehovah,^u
Your word is stationed in the heavens.^{cv}

⁹⁰ Your faithfulness is for generation after generation.^{dy}
You have solidly fixed the earth, that it may keep standing.^z

⁹¹ According to your judicial decisions they have stood [till] today,^{*}
For they are all your servants.^o

⁹² If your law had not been what I am fond of,^Δ
Then I should have perished^o in my affliction.^o

⁹³ To time indefinite I shall not forget your orders,^{*}
For by them you have preserved me alive.^o

⁹⁴ I am yours. O save me,^{*}
For I have searched for your own orders.^u
⁹⁵ For me the wicked have waited, to destroy me.^k

To your reminders I keep showing myself attentive.ⁿ

⁹⁶ To all perfection I have seen an end.^o
Your commandment is very broad.^r

↳ [*Mem*]^e

⁹⁷ How I do love your law!^s

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b In this twelfth section each verse begins with the twelfth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *lamed*, or the English "l."
^c "You are to time indefinite, O Jehovah; your word is stationed in the heavens," Sy. ^d Or, "is to all generations." ^e In this thirteenth section each verse begins with the thirteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *mem*, or the English "m."

^sPs 119:159

^tPs 19:7

^uPs 119:152

^vPs 89:2

^zPs 100:5

^ΔCo 1:9

^{*}Job 38:6

^{*}Ps 93:1

^{*}Ps 104:5

^{*}1Ch 16:14

^{*}Jer 33:25

^{*}Jg 5:20

^{*}Ps 148:3

^{*}Mt 5:45

^{*}ΔPs 119:70

^{*}Ps 119:77

^{*}Ps 146:4

^{*}Ps 27:13

^{*}Ps 94:18

^{*}Pr 6:23

^{*}Ps 19:8

^{*}Ps 119:56

^{*}Joh 6:63

^{*}Jos 10:6

^{*}Ps 88:2

^{*}Isa 41:10

^{*}Ps 119:15

^{*}Ps 119:141

^{*}Ps 119:168

^{*}1Sa 24:2

^{*}Ps 10:8

^{*}Ps 37:32

^{*}Mt 26:4

^{*}Ac 23:21

^{*}nPs 19:7

^{*}Ec 12:12

^{*}rMt 22:37

^{*}Mr 12:31

^{*}Joh 13:34

^sDe 6:6

^sPs 40:8

^tPs 1:2

^uDe 4:6

^vPs 19:8

^vPr 2:6

^vDe 5:29

^yPs 47:7

^yPr 21:16

^yMt 11:25

^yMt 13:11

^yPs 119:14

^yPs 119:79

^y1Sa 3:19

^yJob 32:4

^yJob 32:8

^yLu 2:47

^yΔPs 119:4

^yPs 119:56

^yMt 7:24

^yΔPs 18:23

^yPr 1:15

^yGa 5:16

^y2Ch 34:21

^yIsa 66:5

^y2Ch 7:17

^yPs 18:22

^yIsa 54:13

^y1Jo 2:27

^yPr 3:17

^yPs 19:10

^yPr 24:13

^ykPs 119:100

^ynPs 97:10

^yPs 101:3

^yPr 8:13

^yRo 12:9

^yrPs 43:3

^yPr 6:23

^y2Pe 1:19

^yΔPs 132:17

^ysJob 29:3

^yPs 18:28

^yt2Ch 15:14

^yNe 10:29

^yPs 66:13

^yMt 5:33

All day long it is my concern.^t

⁹⁸ Wiser than my enemies your commandment makes me,^{au}
Because to time indefinite it is mine.^v

⁹⁹ More insight than all my teachers I have come to have,^v
Because your reminders are a concern to me.^z

¹⁰⁰ With more understanding than older men I behave,^{*}
Because I have observed your own orders.^o

¹⁰¹ From every bad path I have restrained my feet,^Δ
In order that I may keep your word.^o

¹⁰² From your judicial decisions I have not turned aside,^{*}
For you yourself have instructed me.^o

¹⁰³ How smooth to my palate your sayings^b have been,^{*}
More so than honey to my mouth!^u

¹⁰⁴ Owing to your orders I behave with understanding.^k
That is why I have hated every false path.ⁿ

↳ [*Nun*]^e

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp^o to my foot,^{dr}
And a light to my roadway.^s

¹⁰⁶ I have made a sworn statement and I will carry it out,^t

^a So reads one Hebrew manuscript, because the Hebrew verb is in the singular number. M, in agreement with LXXVg, reads: "Wiser than my enemies you make me [by] your commandments." ^b "Sayings," LXXVgSyT and five Hebrew manuscripts; "saying," M, but the verb is in the plural number. ^c In this fourteenth section every verse begins with the fourteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *nun*, or the English "n." ^d "Foot," M; "feet," LXXVgSyT and one Hebrew manuscript.

- To keep your righteous judicial decisions.^u
¹⁰⁷ I have been afflicted to a great extent.^v
 O Jehovah, preserve me alive according to
 your word.^y
¹⁰⁸ Please take pleasure in the voluntary offer-
 ings of my mouth, O Jehovah.^z
 And teach me your own judicial decisions.^{*}
¹⁰⁹ My soul is in my palm constantly,[□]
 But your law I have not forgotten.[▲]
¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a trap for me,[◇]
 But from your orders I have not wandered.^{*}
¹¹¹ I have taken your reminders as a possession
 to time indefinite,[◎]
 For they are the exultation of my heart.^{*}
¹¹² I have inclined my heart to do your regula-
 tions[■]
 To time indefinite, down to the last.^k
 ▢ [*Samekh*]^a
¹¹³ The halfhearted^b ones I have hated,ⁿ
 But your law I have loved.^r
¹¹⁴ You are my place of concealment and my
 shield.^s
 For your word I have waited.^t
¹¹⁵ Get away from me, you evildoers,^u
 That I may observe the commandments of
 my God.^v
¹¹⁶ Support me according to your saying, that I
 may keep living,^y
 And do not put me to shame for my hope.^z
¹¹⁷ Sustain me, that I may be saved,^{*}
 And I shall gaze upon your regulations
 constantly.[□]

^a In this fifteenth section each verse begins with the fifteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *samekh*, or the English "s." ^b Or, "double-minded."

- ¹¹⁸ You have tossed away all those straying from
 your regulations,[▲]
 For their trickiness is falsehood.[◇]
¹¹⁹ As scummy dross you have made all the
 wicked ones of the earth to cease.^{*}
 Therefore I have loved your reminders.[◎]
¹²⁰ From the dread of you my flesh has had a
 creepy feeling,^{*}
 And because of your judicial decisions I
 have been afraid.[■]
 ▢ [*Ayin*]^a
¹²¹ I have executed judgment^b and righteous-
 ness.^k
 O do not abandon me to those defrauding
 me.ⁿ
¹²² Give your servant a pledge for what is good.^r
 May the presumptuous ones not defraud
 me.^s
¹²³ My very eyes have pined away for your sal-
 vation^t
 And for your righteous saying.
¹²⁴ Do with your servant according to your
 loving-kindness,^u
 And teach me your own regulations.^y
¹²⁵ I am your servant. Make me understand,^z
 That I may know your reminders.^{*}
¹²⁶ It is the time for Jehovah to act.[■]
 They have broken your law.[□]
¹²⁷ That is why I have loved your command-
 ments.[▲]

^a In this sixteenth section each verse begins with the sixteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *ayin*, a peculiar guttural sound pronounced today by the Sepharaddi Jews as a "g" slightly rattled in the throat. Some Ashkenazzi Jews pronounce it like the nasal *ng* (as in "song"). But the greatest majority of the Ashkenazzim do not pronounce it any more than they do the first letter, *aleph*. ^b Or, "judicial decision." ^c Or, "loyal love."

More than gold,^c even refined gold.^d

- ¹²⁸ That is why I have considered all orders regarding all things to be right;^e
Every false path I have hated.^e

□ [Pe]^a

- ¹²⁹ Your reminders are wonderful.^e
That is why my soul has observed them.^e

- ¹³⁰ The very disclosure of your words gives light,^k

Making the inexperienced ones understand.ⁿ

- ¹³¹ My mouth I have opened wide, that I may pant,^r

Because for your commandments I have longed.^s

- ¹³² Turn to me and show me favor,^t
According to [your] judicial decision^b

toward those loving your name.^u

- ¹³³ Fix my own steps solidly in your saying,^v
And may no kind of hurtful thing domineer

over me.^y

- ¹³⁴ Redeem me from any defrauder of mankind,^z
And I will keep your orders.^{*}

- ¹³⁵ Make your own face shine upon your servant,[□]
And teach me your regulations.^Δ

- ¹³⁶ Streams of water have run down my eyes^δ
Over the fact that they have not kept your law.^{*}

▽ [Tsade]^d

- ¹³⁷ You are righteous, O Jehovah,^ε
And your judicial decisions are upright.^{*}

^a In this seventeenth section each verse begins with the seventeenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *pe*, or the English "p." ^b Or, "[your] custom." ^c M, *a.dam*. ^d In this eighteenth section each verse begins with the eighteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *tsade*, or the English *ts* sound.

- ¹³⁸ You have commanded your reminders[#] in righteousness
And in exceeding faithfulness.^k

- ¹³⁹ My insistence on exclusive devotion has made an end of me,ⁿ

Because my adversaries have forgotten your words.^r

- ¹⁴⁰ Your saying is very much refined,^s
And your own servant loves it.^t

- ¹⁴¹ I am insignificant and contemptible.^u
Your orders I have not forgotten.^v

- ¹⁴² Your righteousness is a righteousness to time indefinite,^y

And your law is truth.^z

- ¹⁴³ Distress and difficulty themselves found me.^{*}
Your commandments I was fond of.[□]

- ¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of your reminders is to time indefinite.^Δ

Make me understand, that I may keep living.^δ

▷ [Qoph]^a

- ¹⁴⁵ I have called with [my] whole heart. Answer me, O Jehovah.^{*}

Your regulations I will observe.^ε

- ¹⁴⁶ I have called upon you. O save me!^{*}
And I will keep your reminders.^{*}

- ¹⁴⁷ I have been up early in the morning twilight,
that I may cry for help.^k

For your words I have waited.ⁿ

- ¹⁴⁸ My eyes have been ahead of the night watches,^r

[For me] to concern myself with your saying.^s

^a In this nineteenth section every verse begins with the nineteenth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *qoph*, or a strong English "k" formed at the back of the palate.

¹⁴⁹ O do hear my own voice according to your loving-kindness.^{a,t}

O Jehovah, according to your judicial decision preserve me alive.^u

¹⁵⁰ Those in pursuit of loose conduct have come near;^{b,v}

They have got far away from your own law.^y

¹⁵¹ You are near, O Jehovah,^z
And all your commandments are truth.*

¹⁵² Long ago I have known some of your reminders,^q

For to time indefinite you have founded them.^a

י [Resh]^c

¹⁵³ O see my affliction and rescue me,^o
For I have not forgotten your own law.^t

¹⁵⁴ O do conduct my legal case and recover me,^o
Preserve me alive in agreement with your saying.^x

¹⁵⁵ Salvation^o is far away from the wicked ones,*
For they have not searched for your own regulations.^k

¹⁵⁶ Many are your mercies, O Jehovah.ⁿ
According to your judicial decisions, O preserve me alive.^r

¹⁵⁷ My persecutors and my adversaries^o are many.^s

From your reminders I have not deviated.^t

¹⁵⁸ I have seen those who are treacherous in dealing^u

tPs 51:1
Ps 69:16
Isa 63:7
uPs 25:9
Ps 119:156
vMt 26:46
Ga 5:19
2Pe 2:2
yPr 1:7
Pr 28:9
Isa 5:24
Jer 9:13
zDe 4:7
Ps 46:1
Ps 145:18
*Ne 9:13
oPs 93:5
Ps 99:7
aEc 3:14
oNe 9:32
Ps 9:13
*Ps 119:109
Ho 4:6
*Jg 6:31
1Sa 24:15
Ps 43:1
Pr 22:23
Jer 50:34
*Ps 18:30
oIsa 12:2
*Ps 73:27
Pr 15:29
k1K1 8:58
Mt 7:7
n1Ch 21:13
Ps 86:15
Isa 55:7
rPs 119:149
oIsa 1:24
sPs 3:1
Ps 25:19
Ps 56:2
Mt 24:9
tPs 19:7
1Co 15:58
uPr 2:22
Pr 11:6

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b So MT; but LXXVgSy suggest a slight correction to make it read: "Those persecuting me have drawn near to loose conduct." ^c In this twentieth section each verse begins with the twentieth letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *resh*, or the English "r."

And I do feel a loathing because they have not kept your own saying.^v

¹⁵⁹ O see that I have loved your own orders.^y

O Jehovah, according to your loving-kindness^a preserve me alive.^z

¹⁶⁰ The substance^b of your word is truth,*
And every righteous judicial decision of yours is to time indefinite.^q

ש [Sin or Shin]^c

¹⁶¹ Princes themselves have persecuted me for no cause,^k

But my heart has been in dread of your own words.^m

¹⁶² I am exulting over your sayingⁿ
Just as one does when finding much spoil.*

¹⁶³ Falsehood I have hated and I do keep detesting it.^q

Your law I have loved.^a

¹⁶⁴ Seven times in the day I have praised you^o
Because of your righteous judicial decisions.*

¹⁶⁵ Abundant peace belongs to those loving your law,^o

And for them there is no stumbling block.*

¹⁶⁶ I have hoped for your salvation, O Jehovah,*
And I have done your own commandments.^k

¹⁶⁷ My soul has kept your reminders,ⁿ
And I love them exceedingly.^r

¹⁶⁸ I have kept your orders and your reminders,^s
For all my ways are in front of you.^t

vPs 95:10
Ps 139:21
yPs 119:40
Ps 119:69
zPs 119:88
*2Sa 7:28
1K1 17:24
Ps 31:5
Joh 17:17
*Ps 119:75
Ec 3:14
k1Sa 26:18
Ps 119:23
Joh 15:25
m2K122:19
Isa 66:2
nPs 40:16
Isa 61:10
Jer 15:16
*1Sa 30:16
Isa 9:3
oPs 101:7
Ps 119:29
Pr 6:19
Am 5:15
Eph 4:25
aPs 1:2
*Ps 119:62
De 4:5
Ps 48:11
Ps 97:8
Re 19:2
oPr 3:1
Isa 32:17
Joh 14:27
Ga 5:22
Pr 3:17
Isa 57:14
Mt 13:21
1Pe 2:6
*Ge 49:18
Ps 119:81
kDe 4:2
Ps 19:8
nPs 19:7
Ps 25:10
Ps 99:7
rPs 40:8
Ro 7:22
*Ps 19:8
Ps 119:4
Ps 119:93
tPs 139:3
Pr 5:21
Heb 4:13

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Or, "sum." ^c In this twenty-first section each verse begins with the twenty-first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *sin* or *shin*, or the English *s* or *sh* sound.

n [Taw]^a

¹⁶⁹ May my entreating cry come near before you,
O Jehovah.^u

According to your word, O make me under-
stand.^v

¹⁷⁰ May my request for favor enter in before
you.^v

According to your saying, O deliver me.^z

¹⁷¹ May my lips bubble forth praise,^{*}

For you teach me your regulations.^o

¹⁷² May my tongue sing forth your saying,^Δ

For all your commandments are righteous-
ness.^o

¹⁷³ May your hand serve to help me,^{*}

Because your orders I have chosen.^o

¹⁷⁴ I have longed for your salvation, O Jeho-
vah,^{*}

And your law I am fond of.^{*}

¹⁷⁵ May my soul keep living and praising
you,^k

And may your own judicial decisions help
me.ⁿ

¹⁷⁶ I have wandered like a lost sheep.^r O look for
your servant,^s

For I have not forgotten your own com-
mandments.^{bt}

^a In this twenty-second section each verse begins with the twenty-second and last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *taw*, or the English letter "t." ^b Except for verses 90, 122, there is in every verse of this alphabetic psalm one of the following ten expressions: WAY(s), 13 times (x); REMINDER(s), 23x; ORDERS, 21x; COMMANDMENTS, 22x; SAYING(s), 19x; LAW, 25x; JUDICIAL DECISION(s) [JUDGMENT], 23x; RIGHTEOUS(NESS), 15x; REGULATION(s) [STATUTE], 22x, and WORD(s), 24x. Also in each of the twenty-two sections there occur the eight leading words of Psalm 19: 7-14, namely, LAW, REMINDER, ORDERS, COMMANDMENT, FEAR, JUDICIAL DECISIONS, RIGHTEOUS, and SAYINGS.

u2Ch 30:27
Ps 18:6

v1Ch 22:12
2Ch 1:10
Fr 2:3
Jas 1:5
yPs 55:1

z2Sa 7:28

*Ps 71:17

oDe 6:1

ΔPs 40:9

oPs 119:86
*Ps 60:5
oDe 30:19
Jos 24:15
Ps 19:8
Ps 103:18
Ps 111:7
*Ge 49:18
2Sa 23:5
Ps 119:81
Re 7:10
*Ps 1:2
Ps 119:16
kPs 9:14
Ps 51:14
Isa 38:19
nDe 4:5
Ps 119:75
rIsa 53:6
Eze 34:6
Mt 10:6
1Pe 2:25
sJer 31:18
Mt 24:45
tHo 4:6
Mt 24:46

A Song of the Ascents.^a

120 To Jehovah in the distress of mine I
called,^u

And he proceeded to answer me.^v

² O Jehovah, do deliver my soul from false lips,^y
From the tricky tongue.^z

³ What will one give to you and what will one
add to you,

O you tricky tongue?^{*}

⁴ Sharpened arrows of a mighty man,^o

Along with burning coals of the broom
trees.^Δ

⁵ Woe to me, for I have temporarily resided in
Me'shech!^o

I have tabernacled together with the tents
of Ke'dar.^{*}

⁶ For too long a time my soul has tabernacled
With the haters^b of peace.^o

⁷ I stand for peace, but when I speak^{*}
They are for war.^{*}

A Song of the Ascents.^a

121 I shall raise my eyes to the moun-
tains.^k

From where will my help come?ⁿ

² My help is from Jehovah,^r

The Maker of heaven and earth.^s

³ He cannot possibly allow your foot to totter.^t
The One guarding you cannot possibly be
drowsy.^u

⁴ Look! he will not be drowsy nor go to sleep,^v
He that is guarding Israel.^y

⁵ Jehovah is guarding you.^z

Jehovah is your shade^{*} on your right hand.^o

^a Or, "Stairsteps." This is the first of fifteen Songs of the Ascents, Psalms 120-134 inclusive. Compare 2 Kings 20: 9-11. ^b "Haters," LXXVgSy and eight Hebrew manuscripts; "hater," M.

- ⁶ By day the sun itself will not strike you,^a
Nor the moon by night.⁶
- ⁷ Jehovah himself will guard you against all
calamity.⁷
He will guard your soul.⁸
- ⁸ Jehovah himself will guard your going out
'and your coming in'
From now on and to time indefinite.*

A Song of the Ascents.^a Of David.

122 I rejoiced when they were saying to me:^k

- "To the house of Jehovah^o let us go."ⁿ
- ² Our feet proved to be standing^r
Within your gates, O Jerusalem.^s
- ³ Jerusalem^o is one that is built like a city^t
That has been joined together in oneness,^u
- ⁴ To which the tribes have gone up,^v
The tribes of Jah,^{b,y}
As a reminder^o to Israel^z
To laud the name of Jehovah.^z
- ⁵ For there the thrones^o for judgment have
been sitting,^o
Thrones^o for the house of David.^a
- ⁶ Ask for the peace^o of Jerusalem.^o
Those loving you^d will be free from care.^o
- ⁷ May peace continue within your rampart,^o
Freedom from care within your dwelling
towers.^o
- ⁸ For the sake of my brothers and my compan-
ions I will now speak.^o
"May there be peace within you."^{ak}

^a Or, "Stairsteps." ^b "Jah." See Psalm 68:4, footnote a. ^c Or, "the grand throne," if this is the plural number of majesty and excellence. ^d "You" (singular) is in the feminine gender here, referring to Jerusalem.

4Ps 91:6
Isa 49:10
Re 7:16
4Ps 91:5

4Ps 91:10
Pr 12:21
6Ps 34:22
Ps 41:2
Ps 97:10
Ps 145:20
De 28:6
2Sa 5:2
Pr 2:8
6Ps 113:2
Ps 115:18
kPs 42:4
Ps 55:14
nPs 84:10
Isa 2:3
Mic 4:2
6Isa 38:20

rPs 84:7
s2Ch 6:6
Ps 87:2
Ps 100:4
6Isa 5:3
t2Sa 5:9
Ps 48:2
Re 21:10
uEph 2:20
Eph 4:4
6Ps 135:1
6Jer 44:23
vEx 23:17
Ps 78:68
yDe 12:5
6Pr 16:12
zEx 16:34
Ps 19:7
*Ps 107:1
De 17:8
2Ch 19:8
6Pr 3:17
2Sa 7:16
1Ki 10:18
6Ps 51:18
*Ge 12:3
Nu 24:9
61Ch 12:18
Isa 26:13
*Ne 3:1
Ne 3:11
Ps 48:3
*Ps 16:3
Ps 38:11
kPs 122:6

- ⁹ For the sake of the house of Jehovah our Godⁿ
I will keep seeking good for you.^{ar}

A Song of the Ascents.^b

123 To you I have raised my eyes,^a O You who are dwelling in the heavens.^t

- ² Look! as the eyes of servants are toward the
hand of their master,^{cu}
As the eyes of a maidservant^o are toward
the hand of her mistress,^v
So our eyes are toward Jehovah our God^y
Until he shows us favor.^z
- ³ Show us favor, O Jehovah, show us favor,^z
For to an abundance we have had our fill of
contempt.^o
- ⁴ Abundantly our soul has had its fill of the
derision of those who are at ease,^a
Of the contempt on the part of the arrogant
ones.^o

A Song of the Ascents.^b Of David.

124 "Had it not been that Jehovah proved to be for us,"^a Let Israel now say,^o

- ² "Had it not been that Jehovah proved to be
for us"
"When men^d rose up against us,"^a
- ³ "Then they would have swallowed us up even
alive,^k
"When their anger was burning against us."ⁿ
- ⁴ "Then the very waters would have washed us
away,^r

n1Ch 29:3
Ps 26:8
Ps 69:9
Ps 84:2
rNe 2:10
Ne 13:14
Ps 102:14
Ps 137:5
sPs 25:15
Ps 121:1
Ps 141:8
Lu 18:13
tPs 2:4
Ps 11:4
Ps 115:3
Mt 6:9
6Pr 30:23
uNe 2:1
vGe 16:3
yGe 49:18
Ps 119:82
Ps 119:123
Ps 130:6
zLa 3:25
*Ps 56:1
Ps 57:1
Ps 69:16
6Ne 4:2
Ps 44:13
Ps 89:51

4Job 12:5
Ps 119:51
Jer 48:11
6Ps 73:6
Jer 48:29
Ac 26:24
1Co 4:13
Ex 15:2
Ps 27:1
Ps 46:7
Ps 56:9
Ro 8:31
Heb 13:6
6Ps 129:1
*Ps 54:4
Ps 118:6
*Ps 3:1
Ps 27:16
Ps 37:32
k2Ki 18:17
2Ch 20:2
Es 3:6
Ps 27:2
Jer 51:34
n1Sa 20:30
Ps 76:10
rPs 18:4
Re 17:15

^a "You" (singular) is in the feminine gender here, referring to Jerusalem. ^b Or, "Stairsteps." ^c "Master." M, *a-do-nim*; the plural of *a-dōn*, it being the plural of excellency. See Genesis 39:2, footnote d. ^d "Men." M, *a-dam*.

"The torrent itself would have passed over our soul.^s

^s "Then there would have passed over our soul^t

"The waters of presumptuousness.^u

^u "Blessed be Jehovah, who has not given us^v
"As a prey to their teeth.^v

^v "Our soul is like a bird^o that is escaped^z
"From the trap of baiters.*

"The trap is broken^o

"And we ourselves have escaped.^a

^a "Our help is in the name of Jehovah,^o
"The Maker of heaven and earth."^o

A Song of the Ascents.^a

125 Those trusting in Jehovah^s
Are like Mount Zion, which cannot
be made to totter, but dwells even to
time indefinite.*

^s Jerusalem—as mountains are all around it,*
So Jehovah is all around his people^k
From now on and to time indefinite.

^k For the scepter of wickedness will not keep
restingⁿ

Upon the lot of the righteous ones,^r

In order that the righteous ones may not
thrust out

Their hand upon any unrighteousness.^s

^s O do good, O Jehovah, to the good ones,^t
Even to the ones upright in their hearts.^u

^u As for those turning aside to their crooked
ways,^v

Jehovah will make them go away with the
practicers of what is hurtful.^y

There will be peace upon Israel.^z

^a Or, "Stairsteps." Compare 2 Kings 20: 9-11.

sPs 42:7
Isa 28:2

tRe 12:16
uJob 38:11

Ps 17:10
Jer 5:22

vIsa 26:20
Ps 118:13

yEx 15:9
Jg 5:30

oPr 7:23
zIsa 23:26

2Sa 17:22
*Pr 6:5

Jer 5:26
2Ti 2:26

oPs 25:15
*Ps 91:3

oPr 18:10
*Ps 121:2

Ac 4:24

*1Ch 5:20
Ps 118:8

*Ps 132:14
Isa 12:6

Mic 4:2
Zec 1:17

Re 14:1
*La 4:12

kDe 33:27
Ps 34:7

Isa 4:5
Zec 2:5

nIsa 10:5
Isa 14:5

rPs 16:5
Zep 2:6

sZep 2:7
tPs 51:18

Ps 73:1
Heb 6:10

uPs 32:11
Ps 36:10

Ps 97:11
Joh 1:47

Re 14:5
v1Ch 10:13

Ps 40:4
Ps 101:3

Pr 2:15
Isa 59:8

Php 2:15
yMt 7:23

Mt 24:51
zPs 128:6

Eze 37:26
Ga 6:16

*Ezr 1:3
Ps 53:6

Ps 85:1
Ho 6:11

oIsa 29:8
oJob 9:16

Lu 24:41
Ac 12:9

*Ezr 3:11
Ps 14:7

Isa 49:13
Jer 31:12

*Ps 106:47
Jer 33:11

*Ro 15:10
Re 15:4

*Nu 23:23
Jos 2:9

Ne 6:16
Zec 8:22

*Ezr 7:28
Ps 18:50

Ps 68:7
Isa 11:11

Isa 61:6
Isa 66:19

Zec 8:23
Mt 24:31

Re 11:11
*Ps 31:19

Mt 24:46
Re 12:10

kPs 85:4
nIsa 41:18

rPs 137:1
Jer 31:9

sMt 5:4
Joh 16:20

tJer 50:4
uGa 6:7

vPs 30:5
Isa 61:3

yIsa 9:3
z1Ch 22:10

1Ch 28:10
1Ch 29:19

Heb 3:4
*Ps 135:2

*1Co 3:9
1Co 3:12

Ga 4:11
oPs 121:5

Isa 27:3
Zec 2:5

*Isa 21:6
Isa 56:10

Isa 62:6
Jer 51:12

Eze 33:2

A Song of the Ascents.^a

126 When Jehovah returned with the
captive ones^b of Zion,*

We became like those who were dreaming.^o

^o At that time our mouth came to be filled with
laughter,^a

And our tongue with a joyful cry.^o

At that time they proceeded to say among
the nations:^a

"Jehovah has done a great thing in what he
has done with them."^c

^c Jehovah has done a great thing in what he
has done with us.*

We have become joyful.^o

^o Do return, O Jehovah, with our company of
captives,^{dk}

Like stream beds in the Neg'eb.^{en}

^{en} Those sowing seed with tears^r

Will reap even with a joyful cry.^s

^s The one that without fail goes forth, even
weeping,^t

Carrying along a bagful of seed,^u

Will without fail come in with a joyful cry,^v

Carrying along his sheaves.^y

A Song of the Ascents.^a Of Solomon.

127 Unless Jehovah himself builds the
house,^z

It is to no avail that its builders have
labored on it.*

Unless Jehovah himself guards the city,^o

It is to no avail that the guard has kept
awake.^a

^a Or, "Stairsteps." ^b Or, "captivity (the body of captives)." Or, "restoration." ^c M. ^d Or, "Jehovah has done great things for them." Similarly verse 3. ^e Or, "our captivity." ^f Or, "the south."

- ² To no avail it is for you men that you are rising up early,^o
That you are sitting down late,^o
That you are eating food^a with pains.
Just like this he gives sleep even to his beloved one.^b
- ³ Look! sons are a possession from Jehovah;^o
The fruitage^o of the belly is a reward.^o
- ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a mighty^o man,^{ck}
So are the sons of youth.ⁿ
- ⁵ Happy is the able-bodied man^d that has filled^r
His quiver with them.^s
They will not be ashamed,^t
For they will speak with enemies in the gate.^u

A Song of the Ascents.^e

128 Happy is everyone fearing Jehovah,^v
Who is walking in his ways.^v

- ² For you will eat the toil of your own hands.^z
Happy you will be and it will be well with you.^z
- ³ Your wife^p will be like a fruit-bearing^o vine^{co}
In the innermost parts of your house.^a
Your sons will be like slips of olive trees^o
All around your table.
- ⁴ Look! that is how the able-bodied man will be blessed^r
Who fears Jehovah.
- ⁵ Jehovah will bless you out of Zion;^o
See also^f the good of Jerusalem all the days
of your life.^z
- ⁶ And see the sons of your sons.^z
May there be peace upon Israel.^k

^a Literally, "bread." M. ^b Or, "he gives to his beloved one [in] sleep." ^c "Mighty man." M, *gib-bôr*. ^d "Able-bodied man." M, *geb'er*.
^e Or, "Stairsteps." ^f Or, "So that you see."

^oPs 39:6
^{Pr} 31:15
^{*Ru} 2:7
^oPr 20:17
^oPs 3:5
^{Ps} 4:8
^{Ec} 5:12
^{Jer} 31:26
^{Eze} 34:25
^{Ac} 12:6
^{*Ge} 33:5
^{Isa} 1:19
^{Isa} 2:21
^{1Ch} 28:5
^oPs 132:11
^oIsa 3:2
^{*Ge} 30:2
^{Ge} 41:52
^{De} 28:4
^{Ps} 128:3
^{kJer} 50:9
^{nPr} 17:6
^{Pr} 31:28
^{*Ge} 50:23
^{Job} 1:2
^{Job} 42:16
^{sJob} 42:13
^{tPr} 27:11
^{uPr} 31:23
^{vPs} 103:17
^{Ps} 112:1
^{Ps} 115:13
^{Ps} 147:11
^{Lu} 1:50
^{yPs} 81:13
^{Lu} 1:6
^{Ac} 9:31
^{1Th} 4:1
^{pPr} 19:14
^{Isa} 45:8
^{Isa} 7:23
^{zGe} 3:19
^{De} 28:4
^{*Ec} 5:18
^{Isa} 65:22
^{1Co} 15:58
^oGe 49:22
^oPr 5:13
^oPs 144:12
^{Ho} 14:6
^{Ro} 11:24
^{*Ps} 127:5
^oPs 20:2
^{Ps} 134:3
^{Isa} 2:3
^{Eph} 1:3
^{*Ps} 122:6
^{Isa} 33:20
^{*Ge} 50:23
^{kPs} 125:5
^{Isa} 66:12

A Song of the Ascents.^a

129 "Long enough they have shown hostility to me from my youth,"ⁿ

Let Israel now say,^r

- ² "Long enough they have shown hostility to me from my youth,^s

"Yet they have not prevailed over me."^t

- ³ "Plowmen have plowed upon my very back;^u
"They have lengthened their furrows."^b

⁴ Jehovah is righteous.^vHe has cut in pieces the ropes of the wicked ones.^y

- ⁵ They will be ashamed and turn themselves back,^z

All those hating Zion.^z

- ⁶ They will become like green grass of the roofs,^z

Which before it has been torn out has dried up.^a

- ⁷ With which the reaper has not filled his own hand,^z

Nor anyone gathering sheaves his own bosom.^z

- ⁸ Nor have those passing by said:

"The blessing of Jehovah be upon you men."^z"We have blessed you in the name of Jehovah."^zA Song of the Ascents.^a

130 Out of the depths I have called upon you, O Jehovah.^z

- ² O Jehovah,^c do hear my voice.^k

^{nEx} 1:12
^{Ex} 5:9
^{Jg} 2:15
^{Isa} 13:19
^{Jer} 2:2
^{rPs} 124:1
^{sLa} 1:3
^{Eze} 23:3
^{Ho} 2:15
^{Ho} 11:1
^{tPs} 118:13
^{Ps} 125:3
^{Joh} 16:33
^{uPs} 141:7
^{Isa} 51:23
^{vEzr} 9:15
^{Ne} 9:33
^{La} 1:18
^{Da} 9:7
^{Ro} 10:3
^{Re} 16:7
^{yPs} 124:7
^{Ps} 140:5
^{zEs} 6:13
^{Es} 9:5
^{Isa} 37:29
^{Zec} 12:3
^{*Ps} 83:4
^oPs 37:2
^{Ps} 92:7
^{Jer} 17:6
^{*Mt} 13:6

^oIsa 17:11
^{Ho} 8:7
^{Ga} 6:8

^{*Ps} 126:6

^oRu 2:4

^{*Ps} 118:26

^{*Ps} 18:5
^{Ps} 25:17
^{Ps} 40:2
^{Ps} 71:20
^{Ps} 116:3
^{Heb} 5:7
^{kPs} 4:1

^a Or, "Stairsteps." ^b Or, "plowing grounds." ^c "Jehovah," LXX-VgT; *A.d.o.nay*, M. This is one of the 134 passages where the Jewish Sopherim changed the primitive Hebrew text to read *A.d.o.nay* instead of *Y'ho.wah*.

May your ears prove to be attentive to the voice of my entreaties.ⁿ

³ If errors were what you watch, O Jah,^a O Jehovah,^b who could stand?^r

⁴ For there is the [true] forgiveness with you,^s In order that you may be feared.^t

⁵ I have hoped, O Jehovah, my soul has hoped,^u And for his word^o I have waited.^v

⁶ My soul [has waited] for Jehovah^{cy} More than watchmen for the morning,^{ez} Watching for the morning.*

⁷ Let Israel keep waiting for Jehovah.^o

For there is loving-kindness^d with Jehovah,^d And abundantly so is there redemption with him.^o

⁸ And he himself will redeem Israel out of all his errors.*

A Song of the Ascents.^e Of David.

131 O Jehovah, my heart has not been haughty,^e

Nor have my eyes been lofty,*

Nor have I walked in things too great^r

Nor in things too wonderful for me.^k

² Surely I have soothed and quieted my soulⁿ

Like a weanling upon his mother.^r

My soul is like a weanling upon me.^s

³ Let Israel wait for Jehovah^t

From now on and to time indefinite.^u

A Song of the Ascents.^e

132 Remember, O Jehovah, concerning David^v

All his humiliations,^v

^a "Jah." *Yah*, MT. See Psalm 68:4, footnote a. "Jehovah," LXXVg.

^b "Jehovah," LXXVgSyT; *A.do.nay'*, M. See verse 2, footnote c.

^c "Jehovah." SyT and many Hebrew manuscripts; *A.do.nay'*, M. See verse 2, footnote c. ^d Or, "loyal love." ^e Or, "Stairsteps."

n2Ch 6:40
Ps 17:1
rJob 9:2
Job 10:14
Ps 143:2
Isa 53:6
Ro 3:20
sEx 34:7
Ps 25:11
Ro 4:7
t1Ki 8:40
Ac 9:31
oPr 4:4
uRo 8:24
Heb 6:18
ePr 7:18
vGe 49:18
Ps 27:14
Lu 2:25
yPs 63:6
zPs 119:147
Isa 21:8
*Ac 27:29
oPs 115:9
Ps 131:3
sIsa 86:5
Isa 55:7
Ro 5:20
eEph 1:7
t1Ti 4:10
-Ps 103:4
Mt 1:21
Tlt 2:14
eNu 12:3
De 17:20
Mt 11:29
-1Sa 18:23
*Ps 78:70
Jer 45:5
Am 7:14
Ro 12:16
kJob 42:3
Ps 139:6
Ro 11:33
n1Sa 30:6
Ps 42:5
Ps 62:1
Isa 30:15
La 3:26
rMt 23:37
sMt 18:3
tCo 14:20
tPs 115:9
Jer 17:7
uPs 115:18
Isa 26:4
vGe 3:1
La 3:19
y1Sa 20:1
zSa 17:1

zPs 56:12
Ps 65:1
*Ge 49:24
Ps 46:11
Ps 50:1
Ps 146:5
Hag 1:4
sPs 6:6
oRu 3:18
+Pr 6:4
e2Sa 7:2
1Ch 15:3
1Ch 15:12
Ac 7:46
*1Ki 8:17
2Ch 2:6
Isa 66:1
Ac 7:47
*Mic 5:2
k1Ch 13:6
nPs 43:3
rPs 55:6
sNu 10:35
o2Sa 6:17
t2Ch 6:41
uDe 6:25
Job 29:14
y1Sa 2:9
Ps 32:11
Ps 149:5
oJer 3:16
eIsa 24:2
y1Ki 11:12
1Ki 15:4
2Ki 19:34
z2Ch 6:42
Ps 89:38
Ac 10:38
Heb 1:9
*2Sa 3:9
Ps 89:3
Heb 7:21
o1Sa 15:29
Ps 110:4
Jer 33:21
*2Sa 7:12
1Ch 17:11
Lu 1:69
cPr 1:31
o1Ki 8:25
1Ch 17:14
Ps 89:36
Ac 2:30
eIsa 2:4
+Ps 89:30
e1Ch 29:19
*Ps 102:28
*2Sa 7:16
1Ch 17:12
Ps 89:29

² How he swore to Jehovah,^z

How he vowed to the Powerful One of Jacob.*

³ "I will not go into the tent of my house.^o

"I will not go up on the divan of my grand bed,^d

⁴ "I will not give sleep to my eyes,^o

"Nor slumber to my own beaming eyes,⁺

⁵ "Until I find a place for Jehovah,^o

"A grand tabernacle^a for the Powerful One of Jacob."^x

⁶ Look! we have heard it in Eph'ra.thah,^h

We have found it in the fields of the forest.^k

⁷ Let us come into his grand tabernacle;^{an}

Let us bow down at his footstool.^r

⁸ Do arise, O Jehovah, to your resting place,^s

You and the ark^o of your strength.^t

⁹ Let your priests^o themselves be clothed with righteousness,^u

And let your own men of loving-kindness cry out joyfully.^v

¹⁰ On account of David your servant,^y

Do not turn back the face of your anointed one.^{bz}

¹¹ Jehovah has sworn to David,⁺

Truly he will not draw back from it:^{co}

"Of the fruitage^o of your belly^d

"I shall set on your throne.^o

¹² "If your sons will keep my covenant⁺

"And my reminders that I shall teach^o them,^o

"Their sons also forever⁺

"Will sit upon your throne."^o

^a Or, "grand residence." Literally, "tabernacles," M; but doubtless in the plural number of excellency. ^b "Anointed one." M, *ma-shi'ahh*; Sy, *m'shi'hha*; LXX, *chris-tos*; Vg, *chris-tus*. ^c Or, "A truth from which he will not draw back."

- ¹³ For Jehovah has chosen Zion;^k
He has longed for it^a as a dwelling^o for himself;ⁿ
- ¹⁴ "This is my resting place forever;^r
"Here I shall dwell, for I have longed for it.^{as}
- ¹⁵ "Its^b provisions I shall bless without fail.^t
"Its^b poor ones I shall satisfy with bread.^{cu}
- ¹⁶ "And its^b priests I shall clothe with salvation,^v
"And its^b men of loving-kindness will without fail cry out joyfully.^y
- ¹⁷ "There I shall cause the horn of David to grow.^z
"I have set in order a lamp^o for my anointed one.^d
- ¹⁸ "His enemies^c I shall clothe with shame.^q
"But upon him his diadem will flourish."^{ea}

A Song of the Ascents.^f Of David.

- 133** Look! how good and how pleasant it is^o
For brothers^e to dwell together in unity!^t
- ² It is like the good oil upon the head,^o
That is running down^g upon the beard,
Aaron's^c beard,^x
That is running down^g to the collar^h of his garments.[#]
- ³ It is like the dew of Her'mon^k
That is descending upon the mountains of Zion.ⁿ
For there Jehovah^o commanded the blessing [to be],^r

^a Or, "her." The Hebrew pronoun is feminine. ^b Or, "her." Feminine, possessive case. ^c Or, "food." ^d "Anointed one." M, *ma-shi'ahh*; Sy, *m'shi'hha*; LXX, *christos*; Vg, *christus*. ^e Or, "put forth blossoms." ^f Or, "Stairsteps." ^g Or, "descending," as in verse 3. ^h Or, "opening." Literally, "mouth," M.

^oEze 6:6
kPs 76:2
Ps 78:68
Heb 12:22
nPs 87:2
rPs 68:16
s1Ki 8:27
Ps 135:21
tDe 28:2
Ps 147:14
uPs 22:26
v2Ch 6:41
Isa 61:10
yPs 132:9
zPs 148:14
Lu 1:69
Pr 6:23
1Ki 11:36
1Ki 15:4
2Ch 21:7
Isa 1:24
Ps 35:26
Ps 109:29
Ps 2:6
Ps 72:8
Isa 9:6
Mt 28:18
Re 11:15
Pr 6:19
Ge 45:24
Jer 32:33
Joh 17:21
Ge 13:8
Ps 122:8
Mic 6:4
Ps 141:5
Pr 27:9
Ca 1:3
Ex 30:30
Le 8:12
kDe 3:8
De 4:48
Jos 13:11
nJos 11:21
Ps 125:2
Jer 13:5
rDe 28:8
Ps 42:8

[Even] life to time indefinite.^s

A Song of the Ascents.^a

- 134** O bless Jehovah,^t
All you servants of Jehovah,^u
You who are standing in the house of Jehovah during the nights.^v
- ² Raise YOUR hands in holiness^v
And bless Jehovah.^z
- ³ May Jehovah bless you^b out of Zion,^{*}
He the Maker of heaven and earth.^q

- 135** Praise Jah,^o you people!^{ca}
Praise the name of Jehovah,^d
Offer praise, O servants of Jehovah,^{*}
- ² You who are standing in the house^o of Jehovah,^o
In the courtyards of the house of our God.^x
- ³ Praise Jah,^d for Jehovah is good.^{*}
Make melody to his name, for it is pleasant.^k
- ⁴ For Jah^d has chosen even Jacob for himself,ⁿ
Israel for his special property.^r
- ⁵ For I myself well know that Jehovah is great,^s
And our Lord^{eo} is more than all other gods.^{ft}
- ⁶ Everything in which Jehovah has taken delight he has doneⁿ
In the heavens and in the earth, in the seas and all the surging waters.^{gv}
- ⁷ He is causing vapors to ascend from the extremity of the earth,^y

sPs 16:11
Ps 21:4
Ro 6:23
Re 1:18
t1Ch 23:30
Ps 103:21
Ps 135:19
uRe 19:5
vLe 8:35
1Ch 9:23
Ps 130:6
Lu 2:37
Re 7:15
Ps 28:2
Ps 141:2
La 3:41
zPs 103:2
*Ps 147:7
Ro 11:26
oPs 146:1
dGe 1:1
Ps 124:8
Ps 146:5
Ps 113:1
Pr 12:7
Ex 34:5
Ne 9:5
Ps 148:13
+Ps 134:1
1Ch 23:30
Ne 9:5
Lu 2:37
*1Ki 6:36
Ps 92:13
Ps 96:8
Ps 116:19
*Ps 106:1
Mt 19:17
kPs 92:1
Ps 147:1
oPs 136:3
nDe 32:9
Ps 33:12
Isa 41:8
rEx 19:5
De 7:6
1Pe 2:9
sPs 48:1
Ps 95:3
tDe 10:17
uPs 115:3
Isa 46:10
vPs 33:6
yGe 2:6
Jer 10:13

^a Or, "Stairsteps." This is the last of the fifteen Songs of the Ascents, which began with Psalm 120. ^b "You." In the singular number. ^c See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. ^d See Psalm 68:4, footnote a. ^e "Lord." M, *A.donim*; the plural number of *A.don*, to denote excellency or grandeur. ^f "Gods." MT, *elohim*; LXX, *hoi theoi*; Vg, *di'i*. ^g "Surging waters." M, *ho.moth*; LXXVg, "abysses." See Psalm 33:7, footnote d.

He has made even sluices^a for the rain;^c
He is bringing forth the wind^b from his
storehouses.*

⁸ He who struck down the first-born ones of
Egypt,^o

Both man^c and beast.^a

⁹ He sent signs and tokens into the midst of you,
O Egypt,^o

Upon Phar'ao^c and upon all his servants,*

¹⁰ He who struck down many nations^c
And killed^c potent kings,*

¹¹ Even Si'hon the king of the Am'or'ites*
And Og the king of Ba'shan^k
And all the kingdoms of Ca'naan,^on

¹² And who gave their land as a possession,^r
A possession to Israel his people.^s

¹³ O Jehovah, your name is to time indefinite.^t
O Jehovah, your memorial is to generation
after generation.^{du}

¹⁴ For Jehovah will plead the cause of his people,^v
And he will feel sorry even for his servants.^v

¹⁵ The idols of the nations are silver and gold,^z
The work of the hands of earthling man.^e*

¹⁶ A mouth they have, but they can speak nothing;^o

Eyes^o they have, but they can see nothing;^a

¹⁷ Ears they have, but they can give ear to
nothing.^o

Also there exists no spirit^f in their mouth.*

^a "Sluices," by reading *b'da-qim'* instead of *b'era-qim'* ("lightnings"). See *The Journal of Theological Studies*, October, 1952, pages 214-216 (London, England). "Lightnings," MLXXVgSyT. ^b M, ru'ahh; LXX, a'ne-moi; Vg, ven'ti. See Genesis 1:2, footnote d. ^c "Man." M, a-dam'. ^d Or, "to all generations." ^e Or, "of men." M, a-dam'. ^f Or, "breath." M, ru'ahh; LXX, pneu'ma; Vg, spi'ritus. Compare verse 7, footnote b; also Psalm 104:29, footnote d.

oPs 147:8
zJob 38:25

*Job 38:22
Ps 107:25

oEx 12:12
Ps 78:51

Ps 105:36
Ps 136:10

AEx 12:29
Ex 13:15

oDe 4:34
Ne 9:10

Ps 105:27
Ac 7:36

oIsa 19:11
Ps 136:15

oPr 14:34
oPs 44:2

oIsa 14:20
*Ps 136:17

*Nu 21:21
De 2:30

kNe 9:22
oIsa 19:18

nJos 12:7
rNu 33:53

Ps 78:55
Ps 136:21

sJos 11:23
tPs 8:9

Ps 72:17
uEx 3:15

Ps 102:12
Ho 12:5

vPs 7:8
Ps 50:4

Ps 96:13
vDe 32:36

1Ch 21:15
zDe 4:28

Ps 115:4
*Isa 46:6

Ac 17:29
oHab 2:19

oPr 7:2
APs 115:5

o1Co 10:19
+Ps 115:6

oPs 115:8
Isa 44:9

*2Ki 21:21
Ps 97:7

*2Ki 18:22
1Ch 5:20

Ps 62:8
Ps 118:2

kNu 6:23
Ps 115:10

nDe 10:8
Zec 12:13

rPs 115:11
s2Ch 6:6

Ps 76:2
Ps 134:3

tPs 48:2
Jer 3:17

uPs 112:1
Re 19:6

vEx 15:2
1Ki 8:33

Ps 9:1
Ps 86:12

y2Ch 7:3
zEx 18:11

Jos 22:22
2Ch 2:5

Ps 97:9
Da 2:47

*1Ch 16:34
oIsa 3:1

oDe 10:17
+1Ch 16:41

oEx 15:11
1Sa 2:7

Ps 72:18
Ps 86:10

Re 15:3
*Ps 103:17

oGe 1:1
Ps 33:6

*2Ch 20:21
+2Ch 20:21

*Ge 1:9
Job 26:7

Ps 24:2
2Pe 3:5

kLu 1:50

¹⁸ Those making them will become just like
them,^e

Everyone who is trusting in them.*

¹⁹ O house of Israel, do you men bless Jehovah.*
O house of Aaron, do you men bless Jeho-
vah.^k

²⁰ O house of Le'vi,ⁿ do you men bless Jehovah.
You fearers of Jehovah, bless Jehovah.^r

²¹ Blessed out of Zion be Jehovah,^s
Who is residing in Jerusalem.^t

Praise Jah, you people!^{au}

136 LAUD^b Jehovah, for he is good:^v
For his loving-kindness^c is to time
indefinite;^y

² LAUD^b the God of the gods:^{dz}
For his loving-kindness is to time in-
definite;^{*}

³ LAUD^b the Lord^e of the lords:^f
For his loving-kindness is to time in-
definite;^a

⁴ The Doer of wonderful, great things by him-
self.^o

For his loving-kindness is to time in-
definite;^{*}

⁵ The Maker of the heavens with understanding:^o
For his loving-kindness is to time in-
definite;^{*}

⁶ The One spreading out^z the earth above the
waters:[#]

For his loving-kindness is to time in-
definite;^k

^a See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. ^b Or, "Give thanks to." ^c Or, "loyal love." So throughout this psalm. ^d "The gods." M, ha-el-o-him'; LXX, hoi theoi'. ^e "The Lord." M, A-do-nim'; the plural number of A-don', but being the plural of excellency. Compare Genesis 39:3, footnote d. ^f "The lords." M, ha-a-do-nim'. Here it is a plural of numericalness. ^g "Spreading out," as if by beating out.

- ⁷ The Maker of the great lights:ⁿ
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^r
- ⁸ Even the sun for dominion by day:^s
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^t
- ⁹ The moon and the stars for combined dominion^a by night:^u
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^v
- ¹⁰ The One striking down Egypt in their first-born ones:^y
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^z
- ¹¹ The One bringing Israel out of the midst of them:^{*}
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^q
- ¹² By a strong hand and by an arm stretched out:^a
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^q
- ¹³ The One cutting the Red Sea into parts:^{*}
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^q
- ¹⁴ And who caused Israel to pass through the middle of it:^{*}
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^q
- ¹⁵ And who shook off Phar'ao and his military force into the Red Sea:^k
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;ⁿ
- ¹⁶ The One making his people walk through the wilderness:^r

nGe 1:14
De 4:19
Ps 74:16
Ps 104:19
r2Ch 5:13

sGe 1:16
Ps 148:3
Jer 31:35
Mt 5:45
t2Ch 7:6

uGe 1:18
Job 31:26
Ps 8:3
Ps 89:36
vEzr 3:11

yEx 11:5
Ex 12:29
Ps 78:52
Ps 105:36
Ps 135:8
Heb 11:28
zPs 25:6

*Ex 12:51
1Sa 12:6
Ps 78:52
Ps 105:37
qPs 89:2

aEx 13:14
De 11:2
Isa 51:10
Jer 32:21
Ac 7:36
qPs 100:5
*Ex 14:21
Ps 66:5
Ps 74:13
Ps 78:13
Ps 106:9
Heb 11:29
qPs 106:1
*Ex 14:29

*Ps 107:1

kEx 14:27
Ne 9:11
Ps 78:53
nPs 118:1

rEx 15:22
De 8:2
Ne 9:12

- For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^s
- ¹⁷ The One striking down great kings:^t
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^u
- ¹⁸ And who proceeded to kill majestic kings:^v
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^y
- ¹⁹ Even Si'hon the king of the Am'or-ites:^z
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^{*}
- ²⁰ And Og the king of Ba'shan:^q
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^a
- ²¹ And who gave their land as a possession:^q
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^{*}
- ²² A possession to Israel his servant:^q
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^{*}
- ²³ Who during our low condition remembered us:^{*}
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^k
- ²⁴ And who repeatedly tore us away from our adversaries:ⁿ
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^r
- ²⁵ The One giving food^a to all flesh:^s
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^t
- ²⁶ LAUD the God^b of the heavens:^u
For his loving-kindness is to time indefinite;^v

*Ps 118:2

tJos 12:7
Ps 135:10

uPs 118:3

vJos 12:24
Jg 1:7

yPs 118:4

zNu 21:21
De 1:4
De 2:30
De 29:7
*Ps 118:29

qNu 21:33
De 3:1
Ps 135:11

*Ps 138:8

*Nu 32:33
De 3:12
Jos 12:1
Ne 9:22
Ps 44:2
Ps 78:55
Ps 105:44
*Jer 33:11
qPs 47:4
*Ps 135:12
*Ne 1:5

*De 32:36
Ps 106:43
Ps 106:45
Lu 1:48
kNe 9:32

nEx 15:13
De 15:15
Lu 1:71
rPs 21:7

sPs 104:27
Ps 145:15
Ps 147:9

tPs 36:7

uPs 115:3
Ps 123:1
Re 11:13

vPs 57:10

^a "For combined dominion." Literally, "for dominions," M.

^a Literally, "bread," M. ^b "God," M, EL.

137 By the rivers^a of Babylon^{by}—there
we sat down.^z

We also wept when we remembered Zion.^{*}

² Upon the poplar trees in the midst of her^c

We hung our harps.^Δ

³ For there those holding us captive asked us
for the words of a song,^δ

And those mocking^d us—for rejoicing:^{*}

“SING for us from a song of Zion.”^Δ

⁴ How can we sing the song of Jehovah^Δ

Upon foreign ground?^e

⁵ If I should forget you, O Jerusalem,^k

Let my right hand be forgetful.ⁿ

⁶ Let my tongue stick to my palate,^r

If I were not to remember you,^s

If I were not to make Jerusalem ascend^t

Above my chief cause for rejoicing.^u

⁷ Remember,^v O Jehovah, regarding the sons of

E'dom^v

The day of Jerusalem,^z

Who were saying: “Lay [it] bare! Lay

[it] bare

“To the foundation within it!”^Δ

⁸ O daughter of Babylon,^f who are to be de-

spoiled,^Δ

Happy^Δ will be he that rewards you^Δ

With your own treatment with which you

treated us.^Δ

⁹ Happy will he be that grabs ahold and does

dash to pieces^Δ

Your children against the crag.

^a Or, “big river,” if the noun is in the plural number of grandeur;

that is, the River Euphrates. ^b “Babylon,” LXXVg; “Ba’bel,”

MSyT. ^c Or, “it” (feminine); that is, Babylon. ^d “Mocking.” The

meaning of the word is at present doubtful. ^e Literally, “ground of

foreignness,” M. ^f “Babylon,” LXXVg; *Babel*, MSy.

yGe 2:14
Ezr 8:31
Eze 1:1
zEzr 8:21
Ne 1:3
Jer 13:18
Eze 3:15
*Jer 13:17
La 1:16
Da 9:3
ΔLe 23:40
ΔPs 33:2
Ps 81:2
Isa 24:8
Eze 26:13
Am 8:10
ΔPs 123:4
La 2:16
*Ne 4:2
La 2:15
e1Ch 16:7
Ps 9:14
Isa 35:10
Jer 31:12
Re 14:3
*Ex 15:1
De 31:30
Jg 5:1
2Ch 29:27
*Isa 49:21
kNe 1:4
Ne 2:3
Ps 84:2
Ps 102:14
Isa 62:1
Jer 51:50
nZec 11:17
rPs 22:15
La 4:4
sEze 3:26
tPs 84:10
uMt 6:33
Ac 20:24
vEx 17:14
Ps 74:18
yJer 49:7
Eze 25:12
ΔPs 146:5
zOb 13
*La 4:21
Ob 12
ΔIsa 13:1
Jer 25:12
Re 18:2
ΔIsa 13:5
ΔJer 50:29
Re 18:6
*Isa 13:16

Of David.

138 I shall laud you with all my heart.^{*}
In front of other gods^a I shall make
melody to you.^{*}

² I shall bow down toward your holy temple^{*}

And I shall laud your name,^k

Because of your loving-kindness^{bn} and be-

cause of your trueness.^{cr}

For you have magnified your saying even

above all your name.^s

³ On the day that I called, then you proceeded

to answer me;^t

You began to make me bold in my soul with

strength.^u

⁴ All the kings of the earth will laud you, O

Jehovah,^v

For they will have heard the sayings of

your mouth.^v

⁵ And they will sing about the ways of Jehovah,^z

For the glory of Jehovah^c is great.^{*}

⁶ For Jehovah is high, and yet the humble one

he sees;^Δ

But the lofty one he knows only from a

distance.^Δ

⁷ If I should walk in the midst of distress, you

will preserve me alive.^Δ

Because of^d the anger of my enemies you

will thrust out your hand,^{*}

And your right^e hand will save me.^Δ

⁸ Jehovah himself will complete what is in my

behalf.^{*}

O Jehovah, to time indefinite is your

loving-kindness.^b

Do not desert the works of your own hands.^k

ePs 9:1
Ps 86:12
Ps 111:1
Ex 22:28
Ps 82:1
Ps 119:46
Joh 10:34
1Co 8:5
2Th 2:4
*1Ki 8:29
Ps 5:7
Da 6:10
kPs 44:8
Ps 54:6
Joh 17:6
nPs 136:1
rPs 71:22
sPs 56:10
Isa 42:21
tPs 18:6
Ps 77:1
uPs 29:11
Isa 12:2
Isa 41:10
Zec 10:12
1Pe 5:10
vPs 102:15
Isa 49:23
yPs 22:27
Isa 60:16
Re 15:4
zPs 2:11
Ps 72:11
Isa 60:3
Jer 31:12
ΔIsa 35:2
*Ex 15:11
Ex 33:18
Ex 34:5
1Ki 8:11
Ps 21:5
Mal 1:11
Re 4:11
ΔIsa 2:8
Ps 113:6
Lu 1:52
ΔJob 40:11
Ps 139:2
Isa 2:11
Da 4:37
ΔPr 3:16
ΔPs 71:20
*Ps 64:7
Mic 7:9
ΔPs 17:7
*Ps 57:2
*Ps 100:5
Ps 103:17
Ps 136:1
kDe 9:26
Ps 71:6

^a “Gods.” M, *elo.him*; LXXVgSy, “angels”; T, “judges.” ^b Or, “loyal love.” ^c Or, “truthfulness”; or, “truth.” M, *em.eth*. ^d Or, “Against.”

For the director. Of David. A melody.

139 O Jehovah, you have searched through me and you know [me].ⁿ

² You yourself have come to know my sitting down and my rising up.^r
You have considered my thought from far off.^s

³ My journeying and my lying outstretched you have measured off,^t
And you have become familiar even with all my ways.^u

⁴ For there is not a word on my tongue,^v
But here, O Jehovah, you already know it all.^v

⁵ Behind and before you have besieged me,^z
And you place your hand upon me.^{*}

⁶ [Such] knowledge^o is too wonderful for me.^o
It is so inaccessible that I cannot attain to it.^a

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit,^a
And where can I run away from your face?^{*}

⁸ If I should ascend to heaven, there you would be;^o
And if I should spread out my couch in She'ol,^b look! you [would be there].^{*}

⁹ Should I take the wings^o of the dawn,
That I might reside in the most remote sea,^{ok}

¹⁰ There, also, your own hand would lead meⁿ
And your right hand would lay hold of me.^r

¹¹ And were I to say: "Surely darkness itself will hastily seize me!"^s

Then night^o would be light about me.^t

¹² Even the darkness itself would not prove too dark for you,^u

^a "Spirit." M, ru'ahh; LXX, pneuma; Vg, spi'ritus. ^b "She'ol." M, sh'ol; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, in-fer-nus; Sy, shi-ul'.

n1Ki 8:39
1Ch 28:9
Ps 11:4
Ps 17:3
Ps 44:21
Jer 12:3
Heb 4:13
rGe 16:13
2Ki 19:27
Isa 37:28
s2Ki 6:12
Ps 94:11
Eze 38:10
tGe 28:15
1Sa 25:29
2Sa 8:14
Job 13:26
Ps 121:8
u2Sa 12:9
Pr 5:21
Ec 12:14
Isa 29:15
Ac 5:3
vJob 42:3
Ro 11:34
Jas 1:26
yPs 50:21
Jer 29:23
Heb 4:12
oPr 8:9
z2Sa 21:1
2Sa 24:1
*2Sa 24:17
oPs 40:5
Ps 131:1
Ro 11:33
AJob 26:14
Pr 30:3
oAc 5:9
*Jer 23:24
Jon 1:10
eAm 9:2
Ob 4
*Job 26:6
Pr 15:11
oPr 23:14
*Ps 18:10
Mal 4:2
oPr 8:29
kIsa 24:15
nPs 63:8
rPs 73:23
Ps 143:10
Isa 41:13
sPs 10:13
Ps 94:7
Isa 29:15
Jer 23:24
oPr 31:15
tJob 12:22
Isa 60:2
uEx 14:20
Ex 20:21

But night itself would shine just as the day does;^v

The darkness might just as well be the light.^{ay}

vJob 34:22
Da 2:22

yHeb 4:13

zJob 10:9

oPr 1:8

*Job 31:15

Ps 22:10

Isa 46:3

oGe 1:26

Ps 22:9

Ps 71:6

Ec 5:15

Isa 44:2

Jer 1:5

oPs 92:5

Ps 104:24

Ps 111:2

Re 15:3

oPr 2:10

*Job 10:11

Ec 11:5

*Job 10:9

Eph 4:9

*Job 1:21

Job 10:18

Ps 127:3

kPs 56:8

nJob 31:15

Ec 11:5

rPs 40:5

Isa 55:8

Jer 29:11

sPs 31:19

Ps 36:7

Ro 11:33

tGe 22:17

uPs 3:5

Ps 17:15

Ps 63:6

vPs 5:6

Ps 9:17

Ps 94:23

Isa 11:4

yPs 6:8

Ps 55:23

Ps 119:115

Mt 7:23

Mt 25:41

¹³ For you yourself produced my kidneys;^z
You kept me screened off in the belly of my mother.^{o*}

¹⁴ I shall laud you because in a fear-inspiring way I am wonderfully made.^o
Your works are wonderful,^a
As my soul is very well aware.^t

¹⁵ My bones were not hidden from you^{*}
When I was made in secret,^o
When I was woven in the lowest parts^b of the earth.^{*}

¹⁶ Your eyes saw even the embryo of me,^{*}
And in your book all its parts were down in writing,^k
As regards the days when they were formedⁿ

And there was not yet one among them.
¹⁷ So to me how difficult^c your thoughts are!^r
O God,^d how much does the grand sum of them amount to!^s

¹⁸ Should I try to count them, they are more than even the grains of sand.^t
I have awaked^e and yet I am still with you.^u

¹⁹ O that you, O God,^f would kill the wicked one!^v

Then even the bloodguilty men^g will certainly depart from me,^y

^a Literally, "Like the darkness, like the light"; or, "As the darkness, so the light." M. ^b "Lowest parts." In Sy the same word is used here as at 2 Peter 2:4 (footnote c) in Sy. Compare Psalm 63:9. ^c Or, "precious." ^d "God." M, El. ^e "Come to my end," according to three Hebrew manuscripts. ^f "God." M, El-o'ah. ^g Or, "bloodthirsty men." Literally, "men of bloods," M.

²⁰ Who say things about you according to [their] idea;^z

They have taken up [your name] in a worthless way*—your adversaries.^q

²¹ Do I not hate those who are intensely hating you, O Jehovah,^a

And do I not feel a loathing for those revolting against you?^q

²² With a complete hatred I do hate them.*

They have become to me real enemies.^c

²³ Search through me, O God,^a and know my heart.*

Examine me and know my disquieting thoughts,*

²⁴ And see whether there is in me any way causing pain,^k

And lead me in the way of time indefinite.ⁿ

For the director. A melody of David.

140 Rescue me, O Jehovah, from bad men;^{br}

May you safeguard me even from the man^c of deeds of violence,^s

² Those who have schemed bad things in [their] heart,^t

Who all day long keep attacking as in wars.^u

³ They have sharpened their tongue like that of a serpent;^{ov}

The venom of the horned viper is under their lips.^v *Se'lah.*

⁴ Keep me, O Jehovah, from the hands of the wicked one;^z

May you safeguard me even from the man^c of deeds of violence,*

Those who have schemed to push my steps.^q

zJob 21:14
Ps 73:8
Isa 37:23
Re 13:6
*Ex 20:7
qPs 2:2

a2Ch 19:2
Ps 31:6
Ps 81:15

cPs 119:136
Ps 119:158
Mr 3:5
Ro 9:3
*Ps 21:8
Ps 83:2
Ps 101:3

ePs 68:1
*De 8:2
Ps 26:2
1Pe 1:7
*Ps 94:19

kPs 7:3
Ps 17:3
Heb 12:15
nPs 5:8
Ps 25:8
Ps 143:8

rPs 43:1
Ps 59:1
Ps 71:4
sPs 18:48
Hab 1:2
tPs 21:11
Ps 38:4
Ps 38:12

uPs 64:6
Pr 12:20
Ho 7:6
u1Sa 23:19
1Sa 24:11
Ps 56:6

ovPs 120:7
*Pr 23:32
vPs 52:2
Ps 57:4
Ps 64:3

zPs 23:32
2Co 11:3
yPs 58:4
Mt 12:34
Ro 3:13
zPs 17:8
Ps 36:11
Ps 37:33

*Ps 71:4
qPs 17:5

⁵ The self-exalted ones have hidden a trap for me,^a

And ropes they have spread out as a net at the side of the track.^o

Snares they have set for me.* *Se'lah.*

⁶ I have said to Jehovah: "You are my God.^a"

"Do give ear, O Jehovah, to the voice of my entreaties."^x

⁷ O Jehovah^b the Sovereign Lord,^c the strength of my salvation,^k

You have screened over my head in the day of the armed force.ⁿ

⁸ Do not grant, O Jehovah, the cravings of the wicked one.^r

Do not forward his plotting, that they may not be exalted.^s *Se'lah.*

⁹ As for the heads of those surrounding me,^t

May the trouble of their own lips cover them.^u

¹⁰ May burning coals be dropped upon them.^v

Let them be made to fall into the fire,^y into watery pits, that they may not get up.^z

¹¹ The big talker^d—let him not be firmly established in the earth.*

The man of violence—let evil itself hunt for him with repeated thrusts.^q

¹² I well know that Jehovah will execute^a

The legal claim of the afflicted one, the judgment of the poor ones.^o

¹³ Surely the righteous themselves will laud your name,^r

The upright ones will dwell before your face.^s

aPs 119:110
Ps 124:7
Ps 142:3

cPs 10:9
Ps 35:7
Pr 29:5
*Ps 141:9
Jer 18:18
Lu 11:54
Lu 20:20

ePs 31:14
Ps 91:2
Zec 13:9
*Ps 27:7
Ps 28:2
Ps 55:1
*Ps 35:23
Ac 4:24

kDe 33:29
Ps 27:1
Ps 28:8
n1Sa 17:37
Ps 144:10
r2Sa 15:31
Ps 27:12

sDe 32:27
tPs 7:16
uEs 5:14
Es 7:10
Ps 64:8
Ps 94:23
Pr 10:6
Pr 12:13

vGe 19:24
Ps 11:6
Ps 18:13
Ps 21:9
Re 16:8
yMt 13:42
zPs 55:23
Pr 28:10
*Ps 12:3
Pr 12:13

qPs 7:16
Ps 9:16
Ps 34:21
Isa 3:11
*1Ki 8:45
cPs 9:4
Ps 10:18
Ps 22:24
Ps 72:4

rPs 102:17
*Ps 32:11
Ps 33:1
*Ps 23:6
Re 7:17

^a "God." M, El. ^b M, Y^{ho.wih'}; because it precedes the title A.do.nay'. ^c "Sovereign Lord." M, A.do.nay'. ^d Or, "The slanderer." Literally, "The man of tongue," M.

^a "God." M, El. ^b "Men." M, a.dam'. ^c "Man." M, ish.

A melody of David.

141 O Jehovah, I have called upon you.
Do make haste to me.*

Do give ear to my voice when I call to you.*

May my prayer be prepared as incense^c before you.^k

The raising up of my palms as the evening grain offering.ⁿ

Do set a guard, O Jehovah, for my mouth;^r
Do set a watch over the door of my lips.^s

Do not incline my heart to anything bad,^t
So as to carry on notorious deeds in wickedness^u

With men^a who are practicing what is hurtful,^v

That I may not feed myself on their dainties.^v

Should the righteous one strike me, it would be a loving-kindness;^{bz}

And should he reprove me, it would be oil upon the head,^e

Which my head would not want to refuse.^e

For still there would be even my prayer during their calamities.^a

Their judges have been thrown down by the sides of the crag,^o

But they have heard my sayings, that they are pleasant.*

As when one is doing cleaving and splitting on the earth,

Our bones have been scattered at the mouth of She'ol.^{cq}

*Ps 40:13
Ps 69:17
Ps 70:5
Ps 71:12
Ps 143:7
*Ps 39:12
O Isa 1:13

kLu 1:9
Re 8:3

n1Kl 18:36
Ps 28:2
Ps 63:4
rPs 17:3
Ps 39:1

sMic 7:5
Jas 1:26
Jas 3:2

tDe 2:30
De 29:4
1Kl 8:58
Ps 119:36

Jas 1:14
u1Co 15:33
2Co 11:13

vNu 25:2
Jude 8

y1Co 10:21
Jude 16

z2Sa 12:7
2Ch 16:7
Ga 2:11
Ga 6:1

*Pr 6:23
Pr 15:5
Pr 19:25
Pr 25:12

*Pr 9:8
Heb 12:11
AMt 5:44
Jas 5:14

o1Sa 31:1
2Sa 1:19
1Ch 10:1

*2Sa 2:5
2Sa 23:1
Lu 4:22

oPs 44:22
Ro 8:36
Heb 11:37

*2Ch 20:12
Ps 25:15
Ps 123:1
*Ps 35:23

Ac 4:24
kPs 5:11
Ps 11:1
Ps 25:20
Ps 71:1

nLe 17:11
Isa 53:12
rPs 119:110
Ps 124:7

sPs 140:5
Jer 18:18
Lu 11:54
Lu 20:20

tEs 7:10
Ps 7:15
Ps 35:8
Ps 37:15

u1Sa 22:1
1Sa 24:3
Heb 11:38
vJg 10:14

Ps 28:2
Ps 107:13
Ps 107:19
yPs 30:8

Ps 77:1
Ps 141:1
z1Sa 1:16
Ps 42:2

Mt 26:39
*Ps 18:6
Heb 5:7

*Jos 5:1
1Sa 1:15
Pr 11:13
Mt 26:41

*Job 23:10
Ps 1:6
oPs 139:3
*Ps 31:4

Jer 18:22
Mt 22:15
oPs 31:11
Mt 26:56

*1Sa 23:11
1Sa 27:1
*Isa 53:12
Joh 16:32

kPs 107:19
nPs 46:1
Pr 18:10
rPs 16:5

Ps 73:26
sJob 28:13
Isa 53:8
Jer 11:19

Eze 32:23

However, my eyes are to you,* O Jehovah^a the Sovereign Lord.^{b*}

In you I have taken refuge.^k

Do not pour out my soul.ⁿ

Keep me from the hands of the trap that they have laid for me^r

And from the snares of those practicing what is hurtful.^s

The wicked will fall into their own nets all together,^t

While I, for my part, pass by.

Mas'kil.^c Of David, when he happened to be in the cave.^u
A prayer.

142 With my voice to Jehovah I proceeded to call for aid;^v

With my voice to Jehovah I began to cry for favor.^v

Before him I kept pouring out my concern;^z
Before him I continued to tell about my own affliction.^{*}

When my spirit^e fainted away within me.
Then you yourself knew my roadway.^a

In the path in which I walk^d

They have hidden a trap for me.⁺

Look to the right hand and see
That there is no one giving any recognition to me.^o

My place for flight has perished from me;^{*}
There is no one inquiring for my soul.⁺

I called to you, O Jehovah, for aid.^k
I said: "You are my refuge,"

"My share" in the land of the living ones."^s

* See Psalm 140:7, footnote b. ^b "Sovereign Lord." M, *A-do-nay*; see Psalm 109:21, footnotes a, b. ^c See Psalm 32, superscription, footnote a.

^a "Men." M, *i-shim'*; the plural number of *ish*. ^b Or, "loyal love."
^c M, *sh'ol*; Sy, *shi-ul'*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *in-fer'nus*.

- ^d Do pay attention to my entreating cry,^t
For I have become very much impover-
ished.^u
Deliver me from my persecutors,^v
For they are stronger than I am.^y
- ^t Do bring my soul out of the very dungeon^z
To laud your name.^{*}
Around me let the righteous ones get,[□]
Because you deal appropriately with me.[△]

A melody of David.^a

- 143** O Jehovah, hear my prayer;[□]
Do give ear to my entreaty.^{*}
In your faithfulness answer me in your
righteousness.[□]
- ² And do not enter into judgment with your
servant,^{*}
For before you no one alive can be right-
eous.[□]
- ³ For the enemy has pursued my soul;^k
He has crushed my life to the very earth.ⁿ
He has caused me to dwell in dark places
like those dead for time indefinite.[□]
- ⁴ And my spirit^a faints away within me;
In the midst of me my heart shows itself
numbed.
- ⁵ I have remembered days of long ago;^u
I have meditated on all your activity;^v
I willingly kept myself concerned with the
work of your own hands.^y
- ⁶ I have spread out my hands to you;^z
My soul is like an exhausted land to you.^{*}
Se'lah.^b
- ⁷ O hurry, answer me, O Jehovah.[□]

^a LXXVg add: "when the son (when his son Ab'sa-lom) was pur-
suing him." ^b This is the last *Se'lah* of 71 to be found in the Psalms,
beginning with Psalm 3:2, where see footnote f.

tPs 143:11
uPs 116:6
vPs 3:1
yPs 38:19
zIsa 24:22
Isa 42:7
*Ps 54:6
□Ps 22:22
△Ps 13:6
Ps 116:7
Jas 5:11
□Ps 102:1
*Ps 28:2
□2Sa 7:25
Ps 31:1
Ps 71:2
1Jo 1:9
*Job 14:3
Ps 130:3
*Job 9:2
Ec 7:20
Ro 3:10
1Jo 1:10
kPs 7:1
Ps 35:4
n2Sa 2:22
2Sa 18:11
Ps 7:5
rPs 88:5
Eze 37:11
uPs 142:3
uDe 8:2
1Sa 17:34
Ps 42:6
Ps 77:5
vDe 32:4
Ps 64:9
Ps 90:16
Ps 111:3
Isa 5:12
yPs 92:4
Mic 6:5
Hab 3:2
zPs 44:20
Ps 88:9
*Ps 42:2
Ps 63:1
Ps 84:2
□Ps 13:3
Ps 40:13
Ps 70:5

△Ps 142:3
□Ps 22:24
Ps 27:9
Ps 69:17
Isa 8:17
*Ps 28:1
Ps 88:4
Isa 38:18
□Ps 42:8
Ps 59:16
*1Ch 5:20
Ps 25:2
*Ps 5:8
Pr 3:6
kPs 25:1
Ps 86:4
nPs 59:1
rPs 56:9
Ps 61:4
*Ps 25:12
Mic 4:2
Mt 28:20
tPs 31:14
u2Sa 23:3
Ne 9:20
Joh 14:26
vIsa 26:10
yPs 25:11
zPs 138:7
*Ps 9:8
Ps 31:1
□Ps 17:13
Ps 34:19
△1Sa 24:14
1Sa 25:29
1Sa 26:10
Ps 54:5
□Ps 55:23
*Ps 116:16
□De 32:30
2Sa 23:3
Ps 18:2
Ps 95:1
*2Sa 22:35
Ps 18:34
Ps 60:12
*2Co 10:4
Eph 6:13
1Ti 1:18
k2Sa 22:2
Jer 16:19
n2Sa 22:3
Ps 61:3
r1Sa 2:6
2Sa 22:2
Ps 18:2
Ps 40:17
Ps 70:5

- My spirit^a has come to an end.
Do not conceal your face from me,[□]
So that I must become comparable with
those going down into the pit.^{*}
- ⁸ In the morning cause me to hear your loving-
kindness,^{a*}
For in you I have put my trust.^{*}
Make known to me the way in which I
should walk,^{*}
For to you I have lifted up my soul.^k
- ⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, O Jehovah.ⁿ
I have taken to cover^b even with you.^r
- ¹⁰ Teach me to do your will,[□]
For you are my God.^t
Your spirit is good;^u
May it lead me in the land of uprightness.^v
- ¹¹ For the sake of your name,^y O Jehovah, may
you preserve me alive.^z
In your righteousness^{*} may you bring forth
my soul out of distress.[□]
- ¹² And in your loving-kindness^a may you silence
my enemies,[△]
And you must destroy all those showing
hostility to my soul,[□]
For I am your servant.^{*}

Of David.^d

- 144** Blessed be Jehovah my Rock,[□]
Who is teaching my hands for
fighting,^{*}
My fingers for warfare;^{*}
- ² My loving-kindness^a and my stronghold,^k
My secure heightⁿ and my Provider of es-
cape for me,^r

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Literally, "I have covered," M. ^c Or, "pleasure."
^d LXXVg add: "against Goli'ath."

My shield^a and the One in whom I have
taken refuge,^t

The One subduing peoples^a under me.^u

³ O Jehovah, what is man^b that you should
notice him,^v

The son of mortal^v man^c that you should
take account of him?^z

⁴ Man^b himself bears resemblance to a mere
exhalation;^{*}

His days are like a passing shadow.^z

⁵ O Jehovah, bend down your heavens^z that you
may descend;^a

Touch the mountains that they may smoke.^z

⁶ Lighten with lightning^z that you may scatter
them;^{*}

Send out your arrows that you may throw
them into confusion.^z

⁷ Thrust your hands out from the height;^{*}
Set me free and deliver me from the many
waters;^z

From the hand of the foreigners,^{dk}

⁸ Whose mouth has spoken what is untrueⁿ
And whose right hand is a right hand of
falsehood.^r

⁹ O God, a new song I will sing to you.^s
On an instrument of ten strings I will make
melody to you,^t

¹⁰ The One giving salvation to kings,^u
The One setting David his servant free
from the evil sword.^v

¹¹ Set me free and deliver me from the hand of
the foreigners,^{dv}
Whose mouth has spoken what is untrue^z

^a "Peoples," SyT and many Hebrew manuscripts; "my people," LXXVg and apparently M. ^b "Man," M, *a.dam*. ^c "Mortal man," M, *e.nōsh*. ^d Literally, "the sons of foreignness," M.

Pr 30:5
sGe 15:1
De 33:29
tPs 141:3
uPs 18:47
Ps 110:3
vJob 7:17
Ps 8:4
Heb 2:6
yPs 10:18
Ps 104:15
zJob 14:1
Ps 9:19
Ps 146:3
*Ps 39:5
Ps 62:9
2Sa 14:14
1Ch 29:15
Ps 102:11
Ec 8:13
Pr 8:27
APs 18:9
Ex 19:18
Ps 104:32
CJer 10:13
*2Sa 22:15
Ps 77:18
De 32:23
De 32:42
Ps 21:12
Ps 45:5
*2Sa 22:17
Ps 18:16
Pr 20:5
*Ps 69:1
*Ps 69:15
Re 12:15
kNe 9:2
Ps 54:3
nPs 10:7
Ps 12:2
Ps 41:6
Ps 109:2
rIsa 44:20
Re 13:16
sPs 33:3
Ps 40:3
Re 5:9
Re 14:3
t1Ch 25:1
Ps 33:2
Ps 92:3
u2Sa 5:19
2K1 5:1
Ps 18:50
Ps 33:16
Isa 45:1
v1Sa 17:46
2Sa 21:17
y2Sa 10:6
z2Sa 10:3

And whose right hand is a right hand of
falsehood.^{*}

¹² Who [say]: "Our sons are like little plants
grown up in their youth,^z

"Our daughters like corners carved in
palace style,^a

¹³ "Our garners full, furnishing products of one
sort after another,^a

"Our flocks multiplying by thousands, ten
thousand to one, in our streets,^{*}

¹⁴ "Our cattle loaded down, without any rupture
and with no abortion,^z

"And with no outcry in our public squares.^{*}

¹⁵ "Happy is the people for whom it is just like
[that]!"^z

Happy is the people whose God is Jehovah!^{ok}

A praise,^b of David.

✱ [Aleph]

145 I will exalt you,ⁿ O my God the King,^r
And I will bless your name to time
indefinite, even forever.^s

z [Beth]

² All day long I will bless you,^t
And I will praise your name to time
indefinite, even forever.^u

z [Gimel]

³ Jehovah is great and very much to be praised,^v
And his greatness is unsearchable.^y

z [Daleth]

⁴ Generation^z after generation will commend
your works,^z
And about your mighty acts they will tell.^{*}

^a Literally, "from sort to sort," M. ^b M, *e.hil.lah*.

*Ps 7:14
Ps 119:118
□Ps 115:14
Ps 127:5
Ps 128:3
AJob 42:15
Pr 31:10
1Pe 3:3
Le 26:5
De 28:8
Lu 12:18
De 7:13
De 28:4
Pr 7:12
De 33:29
Ps 65:4
kPs 33:12
Ps 89:15
Ps 146:5
Ro 4:8
Cisa 30:18
nPs 30:1
Ps 68:4
Da 4:37
rDe 33:5
Ps 44:4
Ps 47:7
Ps 48:2
Ps 95:3
Ps 149:2
Isa 33:22
Mal 1:14
Re 11:17
sPs 30:12
Ps 52:9
tPs 72:15
Ps 119:164
uPs 113:2
Ps 146:2
vJob 9:10
Ps 48:1
Ps 96:1
Ps 147:5
Re 15:3
yJob 26:14
Ps 139:6
Isa 40:28
Ro 11:33
zDe 6:7
Jos 4:21
Ps 44:1
Ps 71:18
Ps 78:3
*Pr 27:24
*Ex 12:27
Ex 13:15

n [He]

⁵ The glorious splendor of your dignity^a
And the matters of your wonderful works
I will make my concern.^a

v [Waw]

⁶ And they will talk about the strength of your
own fear-inspiring things,^o
And, as for your greatness, I will declare it.^a

t [Zayin]

⁷ With the mention of the abundance of your
goodness they will bubble over,^o
And [because of] your righteousness they
will cry out joyfully.^a

n [Heth]

⁸ Jehovah is gracious and merciful,^a
Slow to anger and great in loving-kind-
ness.^{a,ok}

v [Teth]

⁹ Jehovah is good to all,^a
And his mercies are over all his works.^a

v [Yod]

¹⁰ All your works will laud you, O Jehovah,^a
And your men of loving-kindness will bless
you.^t

v [Kaph]

¹¹ About the glory of your kingship they will
talk,^u
And about your mightiness they will speak,^v

v [Lamed]

¹² To make known to the sons of men^b his
mighty acts^v

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Or, "mankind." M, *ha-a-dam*.

□Ps 8:1
Ps 96:6
Ps 104:1
Ps 111:3
Ps 148:13
Isa 30:30
△Ps 72:18

□De 10:17
Jos 2:9
Jos 9:9
Ne 1:5
Ps 98:3
Jer 50:28
Da 3:28
*Ps 92:5

□Ps 107:21
Isa 63:7
2Co 9:11
*Ps 36:10
Ps 51:14
Ps 71:15
Ps 89:16
Isa 45:24

Re 15:3
Re 19:2
*2Ch 30:9
Ps 86:15
Ps 111:4
□Pr 3:3
kEx 34:6
Nu 14:18

Ne 9:17
Ps 103:8
nPs 25:8
Ps 65:11
Ps 104:28
Na 1:7
rMt 5:45

Ac 14:17
Ac 17:25
sPs 19:1
Ps 103:22
Ps 104:24
tIsa 2:9
Ps 30:4
Ps 132:9
Ps 149:5
Heb 13:15

1Pe 2:5
u1Ch 29:11
Ps 93:1
Ps 96:10
Ps 99:1
Re 19:6
vDe 3:24
Ps 21:13
Ps 66:7
Ps 106:2

yPs 98:1
Ps 136:4

And the glory of the splendor of his king-
ship.^z

v [Mem]

¹³ Your kingship is a kingship of all times in-
definite,^a
And your dominion is throughout all suc-
cessive generations.^o

v [Samekh]^a

¹⁴ Jehovah is giving support to all who are
falling,^a
And is raising up all who are bowed down.^o

v [Ayin]

¹⁵ To you the eyes of all look hopefully,^a
And you are giving them their food^o in its
season.^o

v [Pe]

¹⁶ You are opening your hand^a
And satisfying the desire of every living^o
thing.^a

v [Tsade]

¹⁷ Jehovah is righteous in all his ways^k
And lovingly kind in all his works.ⁿ

v [Qoph]

¹⁸ Jehovah is near to all those calling upon him,^r
To all those who call upon him in truthness.^{bs}

v [Resh]

¹⁹ The desire of those fearing him he will per-
form,^t

zPs 103:19

*Ps 146:10

□Ps 103:22
Ps 114:2
Mic 4:8

△Ps 37:24
Ps 94:18
Ps 119:117
□Ps 38:6
Ps 42:5
Ps 146:8

*Ps 104:21

□Pr 13:23

□Ge 1:30
Ps 104:27
Ps 136:25
Mt 24:45
Lu 12:24
*Ps 104:28
□Ge 1:28

*Job 38:27
Ps 107:9
Ps 132:15

kGe 18:25
De 32:4
Ps 97:2
Ps 103:6
Ro 3:5
Re 15:3
nPs 89:14
rDe 4:7
1Kl 18:36
Ps 34:18
Jas 4:8
sPs 17:1
Ps 119:2

tPs 34:9
Lu 1:53
Eph 3:16

^a A verse beginning with the Hebrew letter *nun* is missing after the *mem* verse. In some Hebrew manuscripts the *nun* verse reads: "Jehovah is faithful in all his words, and lovingly kind in all his works." This is confirmed by LXXVgSy. ^b Or, "truth"; or, "truthfulness."

And their cry for help he will hear and he will save them.^u

ש [Shin]

²⁰ Jehovah is guarding all those loving him,^v
But all the wicked ones he will annihilate.^y

ת [Taw]

²¹ The praise of Jehovah my mouth will speak,^z
And let all flesh bless his holy name to time indefinite, even forever.*

146 Praise Jah,^o you people!^a
Praise Jehovah, O my soul.^a

² I will praise Jehovah during my lifetime.^o
I will make melody to my God as long as I am.*

³ Do not put your trust in nobles,^o
Nor in the son of earthling man,^b to whom no salvation belongs.*

⁴ His spirit^c goes out,^o he goes back to his ground,^k

In that day his thoughts do perish.^d^{on}

⁵ Happy^o is the one that has the God^o of Jacob^o
for his help,^r

Whose hope is in Jehovah his God,^a

⁶ The Maker of heaven and earth,^t
Of the sea, and of all that is in them,^u
The One keeping trueness to time indefinite,^v

⁷ The One executing judgment for the defrauded ones,^y

The One giving bread to the hungry ones.^z
Jehovah is releasing those who are bound.*

⁸ Jehovah is opening the eyes of the blind^o ones;^z

uPs 34:17
Ps 37:40
Ps 91:15
vEx 20:6
Ps 31:23
Ps 37:28
Jas 2:5
yPs 136
Ps 9:17
Pr 10:7
Mt 25:41
zPs 51:15
Ps 71:8
Ps 89:1
*Ps 67:4
Ps 117:1
Ps 150:6
oEx 15:2
Ps 105:45
Re 19:6
oPs 149:9
aPs 103:1
Ps 104:35
oPs 63:4
Ps 71:14
Re 7:15
*Ps 104:33
Ps 145:2
oPs 62:9
Ps 118:9
Isa 31:3
Isa 37:6
*Ps 3:8
Ps 118:8
Jer 17:5
*Ge 2:7
Job 12:10
Ps 104:29
oIsa 29:14
oPr 3:13
oIsa 2:5
kGe 3:19
Ps 90:3
Ec 3:20
Ec 12:7
nJob 14:21
Job 17:11
Ec 9:10
Isa 38:18
rDe 33:29
Ps 46:7
sPs 71:5
tJer 10:12
uEx 20:11
vDe 7:9
Ps 71:22
yPs 103:6
zPs 107:9
*Ps 142:7
oIsa 29:18
oIsa 35:5

Jehovah is raising up the ones bowed down;^a

Jehovah is loving the righteous^o ones.^o

⁹ Jehovah is guarding the temporary^o residents;^t
The fatherless boy and the widow he relieves,^o

But the way^o of the wicked ones he makes crooked.*

¹⁰ Jehovah will be king to time indefinite,*
Your God, O Zion, for generation after generation.^k

Praise Jah, you people!^{an}

147 Praise Jah, you people,^{ar}
For it is good to make melody to our God,^a

For it is pleasant—praise is fitting.^t

² Jehovah is building Jerusalem;^u
The dispersed ones of Israel he brings together.^v

³ He is healing^o the brokenhearted ones,^y
And is binding up their painful spots.^z

⁴ He is counting the number of the stars;^o
All of them he calls by name.^o

⁵ Our Lord^b is great and is abundant in power;^a
His understanding^o is beyond recounting.^o

⁶ Jehovah is relieving the meek ones;^t
He is abasing the wicked ones to the earth.^o

⁷ RESPOND to Jehovah with thanksgiving;^x
MAKE melody to our God on the harp,^y

⁸ The One who is covering the heavens with clouds,^k

The One preparing rain^o for the earth,ⁿ

aPs 145:14
oDe 33:3
Ps 11:7
oDe 10:18
oPr 2:20
oIsa 14:1
oDe 16:11
Ps 68:5
*2Sa 15:31
Ps 145:20
Pr 4:19
Pr 1:15
*Ex 15:18
Ps 10:16
Ps 145:13
Da 6:26
kPs 147:12
Isa 12:6
Isa 40:9
Joe 3:17
Re 4:11
nPs 104:35
rPs 111:1
Ps 135:1
Re 19:1
sPs 92:1
Ps 135:3
tPs 33:1
Ps 42:4
Re 19:5
uPs 51:18
Ps 102:16
vDe 30:3
Ezr 7:7
Isa 11:11
Jer 32:37
Eze 36:24
oIsa 6:10
yJer 33:6
oPs 145:3
zIsa 1:6
*Ge 15:5
Ps 8:3
oIsa 40:26
aPs 96:4
oPr 2:2
oRo 11:33
*Nu 12:3
Ps 37:11
oPs 55:23
*Ps 95:2
*Ps 33:2
Ps 92:1
kGe 9:14
1Ki 18:45
Job 38:9
nPs 65:9
Jer 14:22
oPr 26:1

a See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. b "Lord." M, *A.do.nim'*; the plural number of *A.dōn'* to express excellence, it being also accompanied by the adjectives "great" and "abundant" in the singular number in the predicate.

a See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. b "Earthling man." M, *a.dam'*.
o Or, "breath." M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *pneu'ma*; Vg, *spi'ritus*. o Or, "have perished"; or, "must perish," M. e "God." M, *El*.

- The One making the mountains to sprout
green grass.^r
- ⁹ To the beasts he is giving their food,^a
To the young ravens^a that keep calling.^t
- ¹⁰ Not in the mightiness of the horse does he
take delight,^u
Nor in the legs of the man^b does he find
pleasure.^v
- ¹¹ Jehovah is finding pleasure in those fearing
him,^v
In those waiting for his loving-kindness.^c
- ¹² Commend Jehovah, O Jerusalem.^z
Praise your God, O Zion.^{*}
- ¹³ For he has made the bars of your gates
strong;^o
He has blessed your sons in the midst of
you.^a
- ¹⁴ He is putting peace in your territory;^o
With the fat^d of the wheat he keeps satis-
fying you.^{*}
- ¹⁵ He is sending his saying to the earth;^o
With speed his word runs.^{*}
- ¹⁶ He is giving snow like wool;^a
Hoarfrost he scatters just like ashes.^k
- ¹⁷ He is throwing his ice like morsels.ⁿ
Before his cold who can stand?^r
- ¹⁸ He sends forth his word and melts them.
He causes his wind^e to blow,^m
The waters trickle.
- ¹⁹ He is telling his word to Jacob,^t
His regulations^u and his judicial decisions
to Israel.^v

rPs 104:14

sPs 104:27

Ps 136:25

Ps 145:15

tJob 38:41

Mt 6:26

Lu 12:24

uJob 39:19

Ps 20:7

Ps 33:17

Pr 21:31

Isa 31:1

Ho 1:7

vIsa 16:7

Ec 9:11

yPr 31:30

Mal 3:16

1Pe 1:17

zPs 97:8

*Ps 135:21

Ps 146:10

Isa 12:6

oNe 7:1

Ps 51:18

Ps 125:2

APs 115:14

Ps 128:3

Ps 144:12

oLe 26:6

1Ch 22:9

Ps 29:11

*Ps 81:16

oPs 33:9

Ps 68:11

*Ps 107:20

*Job 37:6

Ps 148:8

kJob 38:29

nPs 78:47

rJob 38:30

mPs 145:8

tEx 20:1

De 4:12

De 5:22

Ps 78:5

Ps 103:7

Mal 4:4

Ro 3:2

Ro 9:4

uDe 4:8

De 4:45

De 5:31

vDe 4:5

De 6:1

yDe 4:32

2Sa 7:23

1Ch 17:21

zDe 4:8

*Ps 117:2

oPs 113:1

Re 19:1

APs 89:5

Ps 146:1

Isa 49:13

Mr 11:10

Lu 2:14

*Ps 103:20

Re 4:8

Re 5:13

oGe 2:1

Ps 24:10

oIsa 13:10

*Ps 19:1

Ps 136:8

*Ps 136:9

k1Kl 8:27

Ps 113:6

nGe 1:7

2Pe 3:5

rRe 19:6

oIsa 13:3

sGe 1:6

Jer 10:13

tPs 89:37

Pr 8:27

uJob 38:33

Ps 119:91

Jer 31:36

Jer 33:25

vPs 69:34

yGe 1:21

Job 41:1

Ps 74:13

Ps 104:25

Isa 27:1

zEx 9:23

Nu 16:35

Jos 10:11

Ps 147:17

oPr 6:27

*Ps 107:25

Ps 135:7

Jon 1:4

oPs 65:12

Ps 97:5

Ps 98:8

Ps 114:4

APs 96:12

Isa 44:23

oPs 50:10

Ps 150:6

*Ge 7:14

- ²⁰ He has not done that way to any other nation;^y
And as for [his] judicial decisions, they
have not known them.^{az}
Praise Jah, YOU people!^{b*}

- 148** Praise Jah, YOU people!^{b*}
Praise Jehovah from the heavens,^a
Praise him in the heights.^o
- ² Praise him, all YOU his angels.^{*}
Praise him, all YOU his army.^{*}
- ³ Praise him, YOU sun and moon.^{*}
Praise him, all YOU stars^o of light.^{*}
- ⁴ Praise him, YOU heavens of the heavens,^k
And YOU waters that are above the
heavens.ⁿ
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of Jehovah,^r
For he himself commanded^o and they were
created.^s
- ⁶ And he keeps them standing forever, to time
indefinite.^t
A regulation he has given and it will not
pass away.^u
- ⁷ Praise Jehovah from the earth,^v
YOU sea monsters and all YOU surging
waters,^{cy}
- ⁸ YOU fire^o and hail, snow and thick smoke,^z
YOU tempestuous wind,^d accomplishing his
word,^{*}
- ⁹ YOU mountains and all YOU hills,^o
YOU fruit trees and all YOU cedars,^a
- ¹⁰ YOU wild animals and all YOU domestic
animals,^o
YOU creeping things and winged birds,^{*}

^a Literally, "sons of the raven," M. ^b "The man." M, *ha-ish*. ^c Or, "loyal love." ^d Or, "best part." ^e "Wind." M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *pneuma*; Vg, *spiritus*. Compare Psalm 146:4, footnote; also Genesis 1:2, footnote d.

^a "And his judicial decisions he has not made known to them," LXXVgSyT. ^b See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. ^c "Surging waters," M, *t'ho-moth*; the plural number of *t'hom*. See Genesis 1:2, footnote c. ^d See Psalm 147:18, footnote e.

¹¹ You kings of the earth^o and all you national groups,^x
You princes^u and all you judges of the earth,^k

¹² You young menⁿ and also you virgins,^{cr}
You old men^s together with you boys.^t

¹³ Let them praise the name of Jehovah,^u
For his name alone is unreachably high.^v
His dignity is above earth and heaven.^y

¹⁴ And he will exalt the horn of his people,^z
The praise of all his men of loving-kindness,^{*}
Of the sons of Israel, the people near to him.^o

Praise Jah, you people!^a

149 Praise Jah, you people!^a
Sing to Jehovah^o a new song,^{*}
His praise in the congregation^b of men of loving-kindness.^o

² Let Israel rejoice in its grand Maker,^c
The sons^o of Zion—let them be joyful in their King.^u

³ Let them praise his name with dancing.^k
With the tambourine and the harp^o let them make melody to him.ⁿ

⁴ For Jehovah is taking pleasure in his people.^r
He beautifies the meek ones with salvation.^s

⁵ Let the men of loving-kindness exult in glory;^{dt}
Let them cry out joyfully on their beds.^u

⁶ Let the songs extolling God^e be in their throat^v
And a two-edged sword^o be in their hand,^y

⁷ To execute vengeance^o upon the nations,^z
Reproofs upon the national groups,^{*}

^a See Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. ^b M, *qa-hal*; LXXVg, "ecclesiastical." ^c "Grand Maker." The Hebrew participle of the verb "make" is in the plural number of excellency and grandeur. ^d Or, "with glory." ^e "God." M, *El*.

^oPs 2:10
Isa 49:23
^xPs 57:9

^uPs 45:16
Ps 113:8
^kPs 2:10

Ps 82:1
Cisa 23:4
nPs 110:3

Zec 9:17
rPs 68:25
sJer 31:13

tMt 21:15
uPs 99:3
visa 12:4

y1Ch 29:11
zPs 89:17

^{*}Ps 145:10
^oEx 19:5
^aPs 117:2

^bPs 113:1
^cPs 96:1
Re 5:9

^dPs 22:22
Ps 68:26
Heb 2:12

^ePr 17:3
^fDe 7:6
De 12:7

1Sa 12:22
Ps 100:3
^gPs 47:7

Isa 52:7
Re 19:6
^hPr 10:1

kEx 15:20
Jg 11:34
Ps 150:4

Jer 31:13
Cisa 5:12
nPs 81:2

Ps 144:9
rPs 35:27
Ps 147:11

sPs 132:16
Isa 61:10
tPs 145:10

Ro 5:2
uPs 63:6
vNe 9:5

Ps 96:4
^oIsa 1:20
yHeb 4:12

Re 1:16
Cisa 1:24
zNu 31:3

Re 19:14
^{*}Ps 44:2

^oJos 10:24
Jos 12:7

^oPr 27:17
^aPs 2:12
Re 19:19

^oGe 3:15
Jude 15
^u1Co 6:2

Re 17:14
Re 20:4
^oPs 150:6

^bPs 113:1
^cPs 113:9
Re 19:6

^d2Ch 20:8
Ps 29:9
Ps 116:19

Ps 134:2
kGe 1:6
Ps 19:1

Eze 1:22
Da 12:3
nPs 145:11

Re 15:3
rDe 3:24
Ps 96:4

Ps 145:3
Jer 32:18
s1Ch 15:28

Ps 98:6
tPs 108:2
uEx 15:20

vPs 149:3
yPs 92:3
zJob 30:31

^o1Ch 15:19
^o2Sa 6:5
^aPs 103:22

^bPs 145:10
Re 5:13
^oPr 20:27

^cIsa 12:2
^dPs 112:1
Re 19:6

^eOr, "distinguished." ^fSee Psalm 104:35, footnotes a, b. ^g"God." M, *El*. ^hOr, "sho'phar," M. ⁱOr, "pipe." ^j"Every breathing thing." Literally, "all the breath," M. Compare Genesis 2:7. ^k*Yah*, M. See Psalm 68:4, footnote a; Psalm 41:13, footnote c.

^{*} To bind their kings with shackles^o
And their glorified^a ones with fetters of iron,^{oa}

^o To execute upon them the judicial decision written.^o
That splendor belongs to all his men of loving-kindness.^{*}
Praise Jah,^o you people!^b

150 Praise Jah, you people!^b
Praise God^c in his sanctuary.^{*}
Praise him in the expanse of his strength.^k

² Praise him for his works of mightiness.ⁿ
Praise him according to the abundance of his greatness.^r

³ Praise him with the blowing of the horn.^{ds}
Praise him with the stringed instrument and the harp.^t

⁴ Praise him with the tambourine^u and the circle dance.^v
Praise him with strings^y and the flute.^{ez}

⁵ Praise him with the cymbals of melodious sound.^{*}
Praise him with the clashing cymbals.^o

⁶ Every breathing^o thing^f—let it praise Jah.^g^{oa}
Praise Jah, you people!^b

PROVERBS

1 The proverbs^a of Sol'o-mon^b the son of David, the king of Israel,^c ² for one to know wisdom and discipline,^d to discern the sayings of understanding,^e ³ to receive the discipline that gives insight,^f righteousness and judgment and uprightness,^g ⁴ to give to the inexperienced ones shrewdness,^h to a young man knowledge and thinking ability.^k

5 A wise person will listen and take in more instruction,^m and a man of understanding is the one who acquires skillful direction,ⁿ ⁶ to understand a proverb and a puzzling saying,^r the words of wise persons^s and their riddles.^t

7 The fear of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge.^u Wisdom and discipline are what mere fools have despised.^v

8 Listen, my son, to the discipline of your father,^y and do not forsake the law of your mother.^z ⁹ For they are a wreath of attractiveness to your head¹⁰ and a fine necklace to your throat.¹¹

10 My son, if sinners¹² try to seduce you, do not consent.¹³ ¹¹ If they keep saying: "Do go with us. Do let us lie in ambush for blood.¹⁴ Do let us lie in concealment for the innocent men without any cause.¹⁵ ¹² Let us swallow them down alive¹⁶ just like She'ol,¹⁷ even whole, like those going down into a pit.¹⁸ ¹³ Let us find all sorts of precious valuables.¹⁹ Let us fill our houses with spoil.²⁰ ¹⁴ Your lot you ought to cast in among

*1K1 4:32
Ec 12:9
2Sa 12:24
Mt 12:42
*1K1 2:12
*2Ti 3:16
Heb 12:7
*De 4:6
*Pr 3:11
Pr 8:10
*1K1 3:28
Pr 2:9
*Jos 9:4
1Sa 23:22
Pr 15:5
kPr 2:11
Pr 3:21
mPr 9:9
1Co 10:15
n1Sa 25:33
Pr 16:23
rHab 2:6
sEc 12:11
tNu 12:8
Jg 14:12
uJob 28:28
Ps 111:10
Pr 9:10
vPr 5:12
Pr 18:2
Ro 1:28
yPr 7:1
Heb 12:9
cPr 20:20
zLe 19:3
Ga 4:26
2Ti 1:5
*Pr 4:9
*1Ti 2:9
*Pr 13:21
*1Sa 3:19
1Pe 3:4
*Ge 39:7
Jg 16:16
Ro 16:18
*Je 5:26
Ac 23:15
*Ps 17:12
Mt 26:4
*Ps 35:25
Nu 16:30
Nu 26:10
*Ps 28:1
Ps 143:7
k1Sa 10:13
nJg 5:30

*1Sa 30:16
*Pr 21:2
tPr 4:14
Pr 13:20
2Co 6:17
uPs 119:101
Pr 4:27
vPr 4:16
y1Sa 59:7
*1Sa 1:11
zJob 35:11
Pr 7:23
Jer 8:7
*Es 7:10
Ps 7:15
Ps 55:23
*Pr 9:16
Pr 28:17
*2Sa 18:11
2Ki 5:20
Mic 3:11
*Job 31:39
Ec 5:13
*Lu 11:49
1Co 2:6
*Pr 8:2
Pr 9:3
*Mt 10:27
Joh 7:37
Ac 20:26
*Joh 18:20
Ac 5:20
kPs 94:8
Mt 23:37
Lu 19:42
nPr 14:6
rPr 5:12
Joh 3:20
*Ps 141:5
Pr 29:1
t1Sa 32:15
Lu 11:13
uJer 31:34
Joh 6:45
y1Sa 65:12
Mt 22:5
y1Sa 65:2
Jer 7:13
z2Ch 36:16
Ps 107:11
*Pr 8:14
*Ps 81:11
*Ps 2:4
*Ps 37:13
*Jg 10:14
*1Sa 2:10
*Ps 69:24
Lu 21:26
*1Sa 17:13
Na 1:3
*1Sa 8:22

us. Let there come to be just one bag belonging to all of us"^a— ¹⁵ my son, do not go in the way^o with them.^t Hold back your foot from their roadway.^u ¹⁶ For their feet are those that run to sheer badness^v and they keep hastening to shed blood.^y ¹⁷ For the net is spread simply for nothing before the eyes of anything owning wings.^z ¹⁸ So they themselves lie in ambush for the very blood of these;¹⁹ they lie in concealment for their souls.^{a2} ¹⁹ Thus are the paths of everyone making unjust profit.²⁰ It takes away the very soul of its owners.²¹

20 True wisdom itself^b keeps crying aloud in the very street.^c In the public squares it keeps giving forth its voice.^d ²¹ At the upper end of the noisy streets^e it calls out.^f At the entrances of the gates into the city it says its own sayings:^g ²² "How long will you inexperienced ones keep loving inexperience,^h and must you ridiculers desire for yourselves outright ridicule,ⁱ and will you stupid ones keep hating knowledge?^j ²³ Turn back at my reproof.^k Then to you I will cause my spirit to bubble forth;^l I will make my words known to you.^m ²⁴ Because I have called out but you keep refusing,ⁿ I have stretched out my hand but there is no one paying attention,^o ²⁵ and you keep neglecting all my counsel,^p and my reproof you have not accepted,^q ²⁶ I also, for my part, shall laugh at your own disaster,^r I shall mock when what you dread comes,^s ²⁷ when what you dread^t comes just like a storm,^u and your own disaster gets here just like a stormwind,^v when distress^w

^a Or, "proverbial utterances," as at Numbers 23:7. ^b M, *sh'ol*; Sy, *shi-ul*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *in-fer-nus*.

^a Or, "lives." M, *neph'esh* (in plural number); Vg, *a'ni-mae*. ^b Or, "herself," the Hebrew word for "wisdom" being in the feminine gender. ^c Or, by a correction, "On top of the walls," to agree with LXX.

and hard times come upon you.^a At that time they will keep calling me but I shall not answer,^b they will keep looking for me^c but they will not find me,^d for the reason that they hated knowledge,^e and the fear of Jehovah they did not choose.^f They did not consent to my counsel;^g they disrespected all my reproof.^h So they will eat from the fruitageⁱ of their way,^j and they will be filled full from their own counsels.^k For the apostasy of the inexperienced ones is what will kill them,^l and the easygoingness of the stupid is what will destroy them.^m As for the one listening to me, he will reside in securityⁿ and be undisturbed from dread of calamity.^o

2 My son, if you will receive my sayings^p and treasure up my own commandments with yourself,^q so as to pay attention to wisdom with your ear,^r that you may incline your heart^s to discernment;^t if, moreover, you call out for understanding itself^u and you give forth your voice for discernment itself,^v if you keep seeking for it as for silver,^w and as for hid treasures you keep searching for it,^x in that case you will understand the fear of Jehovah,^y and you will find the very knowledge of God.^z For Jehovah himself gives wisdom;^{aa} out of his mouth there are knowledge and discernment.^{ab} And for the upright ones he will treasure up practical wisdom,^{ac} for those walking in integrity he is a shield,^{ad} by observing the paths of judgment,^{ae} and he will guard the very way of his men of loving-kindness.^{af} In that case you will

^a "God," M, *Elo-him*. ^b "His men of loving-kindness," the margin of M, as supported by LXXVgSyT. "His man of loving-kindness," M.

*Ps 25:8
Isa 35:8
Lu 13:24
Eph 1:19-111
*Pr 24:14
Col 3:16
*Pr 8:21
Eph 5:15
*Ec 10:10
*Ps 141:4
*De 32:20
Ro 8:13
Ac 20:30
*Joh 8:19
Joh 12:35
Ro 1:21
*Ec 2:13
kJer 11:15
1Co 13:6
nHo 7:3
Lu 22:5
Ro 1:32
1De 32:5
Php 2:15
*Pr 9:13
*Ge 39:12
Pr 6:24
Ec 7:26
tPr 7:21
Pr 23:27
uPr 5:13
Jer 3:4
vEze 16:60
Mal 2:14
yPr 5:5
Pr 9:18
Eph 5:5
zEc 7:26
Ho 4:14
*Pr 4:18
Re 14:4
*Ps 119:63
3Jo 11
*Pr 13:5
*Pr 13:20
Jer 6:16
*Job 42:12
Ps 37:9
*Job 1:1
Ps 37:29
*Job 21:30
Ps 37:20
Ps 104:35
Pr 10:7
Mt 25:46
*De 28:63
*De 4:23
Ps 119:153
Ho 4:6
*Isa 1:10
kDe 4:9
*Pr 9:11
nPs 21:4

understand righteousness and judgment and uprightness, the entire course of what is good.^{ag}

10 When wisdom enters into your heart^{ah} and knowledge itself becomes pleasant to your very soul,^{ai} thinking ability itself will keep guard over you,^{aj} discernment itself will safeguard you,^{ak} to deliver you from the bad way,^{al} from the man speaking perverse things,^{am} from those leaving the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,^{an} from those who are rejoicing in doing bad,^{ao} who are joyful in the perverse things of badness;^{ap} those whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their general course;^{aq} to deliver you from the strange woman,^{ar} from the foreign woman who has made her own sayings smooth,^{as} who is leaving the confidential friend of her youth^{at} and who has forgotten the very covenant of her God.^{au} For down to death her house does sink and down to those impotent in death^{av} her tracks.^{aw} None of those having relations with her will come back,^{ax} nor will they regain the paths of those living.^{ay} The purpose is that you may walk in the way of good people^{az} and that the paths of the righteous^{ba} ones you may keep.^{bb} For the upright are the ones that will reside in the earth,^{bc} and the blameless are the ones that will be left over in it.^{bd} As regards the wicked, they will be cut off from the very earth;^{be} and as for the treacherous, they will be torn away from it.^{bf}

3 My son, my law^{bg} do not forget,^{bh} and my commandments may your heart observe,^{bi} because length of days and years^{bj} of life^{bk} and

^a "Those impotent in death." M, *r'pha-im*; LXX, "Ha'des with the earthborn ones"; Vg, *inferi*; T, "the giants [*gib-bo-rai'ia*]."

peace will be added^a to you.^r ^aMay loving-kindness^b and trueness^c themselves not leave you.^a Tie them about your throat.^t Write them upon the tablet^o of your heart,^u ⁴ and so find favor^v and good insight in the eyes of God^d and of earthling man.^{ey} ⁵ Trust in Jehovah with all your heart^z and do not lean upon your own understanding.^s ⁶ In all your ways take notice of him,^u and he himself will make your paths straight.^a

7 Do not become wise in your own eyes.^o Fear Jehovah and turn away from bad.^s ⁸ May it become a healing to your navel^o and a refreshment^t to your bones.^s

9 Honor Jehovah with your valuable things^u and with the first fruits of all your produce.^k ¹⁰ Then your stores of supply will be filled with plenty,ⁿ and with new wine your own press vats will overflow.^{gr}

11 The discipline of Jehovah, O my son, do not reject,^s and do not be disgusted with his reproof,^t ¹² because the one whom Jehovah loves he reproves,^u even as a father does a son in whom he finds pleasure.^v

13 Happy^o is the man^h that has found wisdom,^y and the man^h that gets discernment,^z ¹⁴ for the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver^a and the produce of it even than gold.^{io} ¹⁵ It^u is more precious than corals,^a and all other

^a "Will be added." Literally, "they will add," M; the pronoun "they" being masculine, not feminine like "law" and "commandments" of verse 1, and hence referring to an indefinite subject.
^b Or, "loyal love." ^c Or, "truth." M, *em. eth'*. ^d "God." M, *Elo-him'*.
^e "Earthling man." M, *a-dam'*. ^f Or, "moistening." This word is rendered "drink" in Psalm 102:9. ^g Literally, "break forth," M.
^h "Man." M, *a-dam'*. ⁱ "Gold." M, *hha-ruts'*. ^j Or, "She," referring to wisdom.

rRo 15:13
sIsa 16:5
s2Sa 15:20
Ps 25:10
tDe 11:18
cIsa 30:8
cPr 22:1
u2Co 3:3
Heb 10:16
vLu 2:52
yJos 1:7
Ps 111:10
zPs 62:8
Isa 26:4
Ps 9:10
Ro 12:16
c1Sa 23:4
Php 4:6
dPs 25:9
Jas 1:5
cPr 26:12
Isa 5:21
Ro 11:25
Ne 5:15
Ps 34:14
Pr 14:27
cEze 16:4
Job 21:24
Nu 7:3
Nu 31:50
kEx 23:19
De 26:2
nDe 28:8
Mal 3:10
rNu 18:12
sJob 5:17
1Co 11:32
Heb 12:5
tPs 94:12
Heb 12:7
uHeb 12:6
vDe 8:5
Ps 103:13
cPr 14:21
y1Ki 10:24
Pr 4:5
Pr 8:32
Ec 9:18
zPr 2:3
Pr 10:23
2Ch 1:11
Ps 119:72
cJob 28:15
cPr 8:11

*T1 4:8
cIsa 9:20
c1Ki 3:13
2Co 6:10
Ps 63:5
*Lu 1:7
Php 4:9
cIsa 9:6
cIsa 7:2
kGe 2:9
Pr 11:30
Re 22:2
nMt 5:6
rPs 104:24
Jer 10:12
sPr 5:1
Jer 51:15
tGe 1:2
Ge 7:11
Ps 104:9
2Pe 3:5
uGe 27:28
De 33:28
vDe 6:8
Jos 1:8
Eph 1:18
yDe 32:46
Pr 2:7
zPr 4:22
Pr 1:9
cPs 37:23
Pr 10:9
dPs 121:3
Pr 4:12
cLe 26:6
Ps 3:5
Pr 6:22
Eze 34:15
*Ps 127:2
Jer 31:26
cPs 27:1
Isa 8:12
Da 3:17
Joh 14:1
*Ps 73:19
Mt 24:21
Lu 21:23
*Ps 91:10
Pr 14:26
k1Sa 2:9
nRo 13:8
Jas 4:17
Jas 5:4
rGe 31:29
Mic 2:1
cIsa 3:5
sLe 19:13
De 24:13

delights of yours cannot be made equal to it.
¹⁶ Length of days is in its right^o hand;^s in its left hand there are riches and glory.^a ¹⁷ Its ways are ways of pleasantness,^s and all its roadways are peace.^{sa} ¹⁸ It is a tree^o of life to those taking hold of it,^k and those keeping fast hold of it are to be called happy.ⁿ

19 Jehovah himself in wisdom founded the earth.^r He solidly fixed the heavens in discernment.^s ²⁰ By his knowledge the surging waters^b themselves were split apart,^t and the cloudy skies keep dripping down light rain.^u ²¹ My son, may they not get away from your eyes.^v Safe-guard practical wisdom and thinking ability,^y ²² and they will prove to be life to your soul^{ez} and charm to your throat.^s ²³ In that case you will walk in security on your way,^o and even your foot will not strike against anything.^a ²⁴ Whenever you lie down you will feel no dread,^o and you will certainly lie down and your sleep will certainly be pleasurable.^s ²⁵ You will not need to be afraid of any sudden dreadful thing,^o nor of the storm upon the wicked ones, because it is coming.^s ²⁶ For Jehovah himself will prove to be, in effect, your confidence,^d and he will certainly keep your foot against capture.^k

27 Do not hold back good from those to whom it is owing,^{en} when it happens to be in the power of your hand to do [it].^r ²⁸ Do not say to your fellow^o man: "Go and come back and tomorrow I shall give," when there is something with you.^s

^a Or, "honor." ^b "Surging waters." M, *t'ho-mōth'*. Compare Genesis 7:11, footnote b; Psalm 33:7, footnote d; Psalm 42:7, footnote f.
^c "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chē*; Vg, *a-ni-ma*. ^d "Be in your confidence," M; "be on all your ways," LXX. ^e "Those to whom it is owing." Literally, "its owners." M, *b'e-a-lim'* (the plural of *ba'al*).

²⁹ Do not fabricate against your fellow man anything bad,^t when he is dwelling in a sense of security with you.^u ³⁰ Do not quarrel with a man^a without cause,^v if he has rendered no bad to you.^y

³¹ Do not become envious of the man^b of violence,^z nor choose any of his ways.^{*} ³² For the devious person is a detestable thing to Jehovah,[^] but His intimacy is with the upright ones.[^] ³³ The curse of Jehovah is on the house of the wicked one,[^] but the abiding place of the righteous ones he blesses.^{*} ³⁴ If it has to do with ridiculers,[^] he himself will deride,^{*} but to the meek ones he will show favor.^{*} ³⁵ Honor^c is what the wise ones will come to possess,^k but the stupid ones are exalting dishonor.ⁿ

4 Listen, O sons, to the discipline of a father^r and pay attention, so as to know understanding.^s ² For good instruction is what I certainly shall give to you.^t My law do not leave.^u ³ For I proved to be a real son to my father, tender and the only one before my mother.^y ⁴ And he would instruct me^z and say to me: "May your heart keep fast hold of my words.[^] ⁵ Keep my commandments and continue living.[^] ⁶ Acquire wisdom,[^] acquire understanding.[^] Do not forget and do not turn aside from the sayings of my mouth.[^] ⁷ Do not leave it^d and it will keep you.[^] Love it^d and it will safeguard you.^{*} ⁸ Wisdom is the prime thing.^{*} Acquire wisdom, and with all that you acquire, acquire understanding.^k ⁹ Highly esteem it and it will exalt you.ⁿ It will glorify you because you embrace it.^r ¹⁰ To your

^a "Man." M, *a.dam*. ^b "Man." M, *ish*. ^c Or, "Glory." ^d Or, "her," referring to wisdom.

tPs 59:3
Pr 6:18
Pr 16:19
uPs 35:20
Ps 55:20
vPr 17:14
Pr 25:8
y2Ti 2:24
zPs 37:1
Pr 23:17
Ec 5:8
*Pr 1:15
^Ps 18:26
^Pr 17:15
Lu 16:15
^Ps 25:14
Mt 11:25
Jas 4:8
^De 28:15
Jos 7:24
Zec 5:3
^De 28:2
2Sa 6:11
Ps 37:22
^Isa 3:8
^Pr 1:22
^Ps 138:6
Pr 19:29
^Isa 57:15
Jas 4:8
1Pe 5:5
k1Sa 2:30
nPs 132:18
rPs 34:11
sPr 19:20
Pr 23:23
Heb 2:1
tDe 32:2
Joh 7:16
u1Ch 28:9
2Ch 7:19
y1Ki 1:13
^Pr 12:25
zPr 22:6
^De 4:9
Ps 119:11
^Le 18:5
Joh 12:50
^Pr 2:2
Jas 3:17
^Pr 9:10
^2Ch 34:2
Ps 44:18
^Pr 2:10
^2Th 2:10
^Ec 7:12
Lu 10:42
Php 3:8
kPs 49:20
n1Sa 2:30
r1Ki 3:13

sPr 1:9
1Pe 3:4
tPr 16:31
uJer 9:20
1Th 2:13
vDe 5:16
Pr 3:2
yDe 4:5
Joh 6:45
zPs 23:3
Pr 8:6
^2Sa 22:37
Ps 18:36
^Pr 3:23
Joh 11:9
^Pr 23:23
^Ge 32:26
^Ec 32:47
^De 7:12
^Ps 1:1
1Co 15:33
^Pr 1:15
^Ex 23:7
k1Sa 33:15
Eph 5:11
nPr 5:8
1Th 5:22
rPs 36:4
Isa 57:20
^Mic 2:1
2Pe 2:14
tPs 14:4
Mt 23:28
uMic 6:12
Re 17:4
^Pr 23:31
v2Sa 23:4
Mt 5:14
1Co 13:12
2Pe 1:19
^Ec 1:7
^Ec 7:15
y1Sa 2:9
Isa 59:9
zJob 12:25
Mt 15:14
^Pr 5:1
Heb 2:1
^Ps 78:1
Isa 55:3
^Pr 3:21
^Pr 4:4
^Pr 12:18
Jer 33:6
^Ec 5:6
^De 4:9
Jer 17:9
^Mt 12:35
Mt 7:21

head it will give a wreath of charm;^{*} a crown of beauty it will bestow upon you.^t

¹⁰ Hear, my son, and accept my sayings.^u Then for you the years of life will become many.^{av} ¹¹ I will instruct you even in the way of wisdom;^y I will cause you to tread in the tracks of uprightness.^z ¹² When you walk, your pace will not be cramped;^{*} and if you run, you will not stumble.[^] ¹³ Take hold on discipline;[^] do not let go.^b Safeguard it,^c for it itself is your life.^{*}

¹⁴ Into the path of the wicked ones do not enter^d and do not walk straight on into the way of the bad ones.^{*} ¹⁵ Shun it,^{*} do not pass along by it,^k turn aside from it and pass along.ⁿ ¹⁶ For they do not sleep unless they do badness,^r and their sleep has been snatched away unless they cause someone to stumble.^s ¹⁷ For they have fed themselves with the bread of wickedness,^t and the wine[^] of acts of violence is what they drink.^u ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous ones is like the bright light[^] that is getting lighter and lighter until the day[^] is firmly established.^v ¹⁹ The way of the wicked ones is like the darkness;^y they have not known at what they keep stumbling.^z

²⁰ My son, to my words do pay attention.^{*} To my sayings incline your ear.[^] ²¹ May they not get away from your eyes.[^] Keep them in the midst of your heart.[^] ²² For they are life to those finding them^{*} and health to all their flesh.[^] ²³ More than all else that is to be guarded, safeguard your heart,^{*} for out of it are the sources of life.^{*} ²⁴ Remove from yourself the

^a Or, "and they [that is, the sayings of mine] will become many for you during the years of life." ^b Or, "do not let [it] alone." ^c Or, "her," referring to wisdom.

crookedness of speech,^{ak} and the deviousness of lips put far away from yourself.^{n 25} As for your eyes, straight ahead they should look,^r yes, your own beaming eyes should gaze straight in front of you.^{a 26} Smooth out the course of your foot,^t and may all your own ways be firmly established.^{u 27} Do not incline to the right hand or to the left.^v Remove your foot from what is bad.^y

5 My son, to my wisdom O do pay attention.^z To my discernment incline your ears,² so as to guard thinking abilities,³ and may your own lips safeguard knowledge itself.^{a 3} For as a honeycomb the lips of a strange woman keep dripping,⁴ and her palate is smoother than oil.⁵ But the aftereffect from her is as bitter as wormwood,⁶ it is as sharp as a two-edged sword.⁷ Her feet are descending to death.⁸ Her very steps take hold on She'ol^b itself.^{k 6} The path of life she does not contemplate.ⁿ Her tracks have wandered she does not know [where].^r So now, O sons, listen to me^a and do not turn away from the sayings of my mouth.^{t 8} Keep your way far off from alongside her,^u and do not get near to the entrance of her house,^{v 9} that you may not give to others your dignity,^{cy} nor your years to what is cruel;^{z 10} that strangers may not take their fill of your power,^e nor the things you got by pain be in the house of a foreigner,^{co 11} nor you have to groan in your future^d when your flesh and your organism come to an end.^{c 12} And you will have to say: "How I have hated discipline^a and my heart has disrespected even reproof!"¹³ And I have not listened to the voice of my instructors,^a and to my teachers I have not

^a Literally, "mouth," M. ^b M. *sh'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *in'feri*.
^c "Dignity," M; "life," LXX; "honor," Vg; "vital energy," Syt.

kEze 18:31
Eph 4:22
Jas 1:21
nPr 8:8
1Ti 6:5
rJob 31:1
Ps 119:37
sPr 23:5
Mt 6:22
tPs 119:59
Hag 1:5
Eph 5:15
uPs 40:2
2Th 3:3
1Pe 5:10
vDe 12:32
Jos 1:7
yIsa 1:16
Ro 12:9
*Pr 2:1
*Pr 3:19
*Pr 1:4
*Ps 119:13
Pr 15:7
*Pr 2:16
Pr 7:21
*Ps 55:21
*Pr 23:27
Ec 7:26
*Jg 16:5
*Pr 2:18
kPr 7:27
nPr 11:19
rPr 6:12
Pr 7:11
sPr 22:17
Heb 12:25
tPr 2:1
uPr 4:15
Pr 6:27
vEph 5:11
yGe 38:23
Jg 16:19
zNe 13:26
Pr 6:33
*Pr 6:35
Ho 7:9
Lu 15:30
*Pr 31:3
*Isa 2:6
*De 32:29
Ro 6:21
Heb 13:4
*Nu 5:27
1Co 5:5
Re 21:8
*Ps 50:17
Zec 7:11
Joh 3:20
*Ge 19:9
Ex 2:14
2Ch 24:20
Isa 30:20

*Lu 15:18
1Th 4:8
1Th 5:12
Heb 13:7
*Jer 6:18
kNu 25:2
1Co 10:6
1Co 15:33
Jude 8
*Ca 4:15
nCo 7:3
Heb 13:4
rPr 31:3
tKl 11:1
uCa 4:15
1Co 7:2
1Co 7:5
vEc 9:9
Mal 2:14
1Pe 3:7
yCa 2:9
Ca 8:14
zCa 4:5
Ca 7:3
*Ge 24:67
Ge 26:8
Ge 28:18
*Pr 2:16
Pr 22:14
*Job 16:9
Job 34:21
Ps 11:4
Jer 17:10
Jer 23:24
Ho 7:2
*Ps 17:3
Jer 16:17
Heb 4:13
*Ps 7:15
Ps 9:15
Ga 6:7
*Ec 7:26
1Co 5:9
Eph 5:5
Heb 13:4
*Job 36:12
Pr 10:21
*Ps 81:12
Pr 14:14
2Pe 2:15
kGe 43:9
Job 17:3
Pr 20:16
nPr 22:26
*Pr 18:7
2Sa 24:14
2Ch 12:5
uEx 10:3

inclined my ear.^{a 14} Easily I have come to be in every sort of badness in the midst of the congregation and of the assembly.^{uok}

15 Drink water out of your own cistern, and tricklings out of the midst of your own well.^{en} Should your springs be scattered out of doors,^r your streams of water in the public squares themselves? ¹⁷ Let them prove to be for you alone, and not for strangers with you.^{t 18} Let your water source prove to be blessed,^{cu} and rejoice with the wife of your youth,^{v 19} a lovable hind and a charming mountain goat.^y Let her own breasts intoxicate you at all times.^z With her love may you be in an ecstasy constantly.^a So why should you, my son, be in an ecstasy with a strange woman or embrace the bosom of a foreign woman?²¹ For the ways of man^a are in front of the eyes of Jehovah,^a and he is contemplating all his tracks.^{d 22} His own errors will catch the wicked one,^b and in the ropes of his own sin he will be taken hold of.^{e 23} He will be the one to die because there is no discipline,^a and [because] in the abundance of his foolishness he goes astray.^c

6 My son, if you have gone surety for your fellow man,^k [if] you have given your handshake even to the stranger,^{n 2} [if] you have been ensnared by the sayings of your mouth, [if] you have been caught by the sayings of your mouth,^{a 3} take this action then, my son, and deliver yourself, for you have come into the palm of your fellow man:^t Go humble yourself^{du} and

^a "Man." M, *ish*. ^b Or, "catch him with the wicked one," M. ^c Or, "and in the abundance of his foolishness he will be swept away," by a correction of M to agree with LXX, which reads "be destroyed." ^d Or, more literally, "stamp yourself down," M.

storm your fellow man with importunities.^v ⁴Do not give any sleep to your eyes, nor any slumber to your beaming eyes.^y ⁵Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand and like a bird from the hand of the birdcatcher.^z

6 Go to the ant,^a you lazy one;^c see its ways and become wise. ⁷Although it has no commander, officer or ruler, ⁸it prepares its food even in the summer;^{ca} it has gathered its food supplies even in the harvest.^o ⁹How long, you lazy one, will you keep lying down?^o When will you rise up from your sleep?^o ¹⁰A little more sleep, a little more slumbering, a little more folding of the hands^c in lying down,^o ¹¹and your poverty will certainly come just like some rover,^a and your want like an armed man.^{a*}

12 A good-for-nothing man,^b a man^c of hurtfulness,^k is walking with crookedness of speech,^{dn} ¹³winking with his eye,^r making signs with his foot, making indications with his fingers. ¹⁴Perverseness is in his heart.^s He is fabricating something bad all the time.^t He keeps sending out merely contentions.^u ¹⁵That is why suddenly there will come his disaster;^v in an instant he will be broken, and there will be no healing.^y

16 There are six things that Jehovah does hate,^z yes, seven are things detestable to his soul:^{*} ¹⁷lofty eyes,^{ca} a false tongue,^{ca} and hands that are shedding innocent blood,^o ¹⁸a heart fabricating hurtful schemes,^{*} feet that are in a hurry to run to badness,^o ¹⁹a false witness that launches forth lies,^{*} and anyone

^a Literally, "a man [*ish*] of shield," M. Or, "an insolent man."
^b More literally, "a man of Be'li-al." M, a-dam' b'e'li-a'al. ^c "Man."
M, *ish*. ^d Literally, "mouth," M.

ep 18:9
#2T1 2:23
3Jo 10
Cisa 48:18
ep 10:1
kDe 27:16
nPr 1:8
rDe 6:6
2Co 3:3
sPr 3:3
tPs 43:3
mPr 2:11

uPr 3:24
cPr 24:20
vPs 119:105
Isa 8:20
2Pe 1:19
yPs 19:8
Ps 119:98
zPr 4:13
Jer 21:8
Heb 12:7
*Pr 5:3
Ec 7:26
cPr 2:16
Pr 7:5
#2Sa 11:2
Mt 5:28
Jas 1:15
#2Kl 9:30
Isa 3:16
*Pr 29:3
Lu 15:30
cPr 26:20
eGe 39:14
Eze 13:18
*Job 31:9
Ho 7:4
*Ho 7:6
kGe 12:18
Le 20:10
2Sa 11:4
Jer 5:8
Eze 22:11
cPr 29:24
nGe 20:7
Ge 26:10

rEx 22:1
2Sa 12:6
Lu 19:8
cPr 30:20

sending forth contentions between brothers.^{oo}
20 Observe, O my son, the commandment^o of your father,^{ek} and do not forsake the law of your mother.ⁿ ²¹Tie them^a upon your heart constantly;^r bind them^a upon your throat.^s ²²When you walk about, it^b will lead you;^t when you lie down, it^b will stand guard over you,^m and when you have waked up, it^b itself will make you its concern.^u ²³For the commandment is a lamp,^{ov} and a light the law is,^y and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life,^z ²⁴to guard you against the bad woman,^e against the smoothness of the tongue of the foreign woman.^o ²⁵Do not desire her prettiness in your heart,^a and may she not take you with her lustrous eyes,^o ²⁶because in behalf of a woman prostitute [one comes down] to a round loaf of bread;^{*} but as regards another man's wife, she hunts even for a precious soul.^{dp} ²⁷Can a man rake together fire^c into his bosom^{*} and yet his very garments not be burned?ⁿ ²⁸Or can a man walk upon the coals and his feet themselves not be scorched?^o ²⁹Likewise with anyone having relations with the wife of his fellow man,^k no one touching her will remain unpunishable.ⁿ ³⁰People do not despise a thief^c just because he commits thievery to fill his soul^d when he is hungry. ³¹But, when found, he will make it good with seven times as much; all the valuables of his house he will give.^r ³²Anyone committing adultery^o with a

^a "Them." The Hebrew pronoun here is in the masculine gender and hence may not refer to "commandment" and "law" of verse 20, both these words being feminine, but may refer to the father's "sayings," a masculine word, plural, as in Proverbs 4:10, 20. ^b Or, "she," the Hebrew pronoun being feminine. ^c "Bad woman," MVgSyT; "married woman" (wife of a companion), LXX. ^d "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psyche*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*.

woman is in want of heart;^a he that does it is bringing his own soul^b to ruin.^c ³³ A plague^d and dishonor he will find,^e and his reproach^f itself will not be blotted out.^g ³⁴ For the rage of an able-bodied man is jealousy,^h and he will not show compassionⁱ in the day of vengeance.^j ³⁵ He will have no consideration for any sort of ransom,^k neither will he show willingness, no matter how large you make the present.^l

7 My son, keep my sayings,^m and may you treasure up my own commandments with you.ⁿ ² Keep my commandments and continue living,^o and my law like the pupil of your eyes.^p ³ Tie them upon your fingers^q and write them upon the tablet of your heart.^r ⁴ Say to wisdom: "You are my sister,"^s and may you call understanding itself "Kinswoman,"^t to guard you against the woman stranger,^u against the foreigner who has made her own sayings smooth.^v ⁵ For at the window^w of my house, through my lattice I looked down,^x that I might peer upon the inexperienced ones.^y ⁶ I was interested in discerning among the sons a young man in want of heart,^z passing along on the street near her corner,^{aa} and in the way to her house he marches,^{ab} in the twilight, in the evening of the day,^{ac} at the approach^{ad} of the night and the darkness.^{ae} ⁷ And look! there was a woman to meet him,^{af} with the garment of a prostitute^{ag} and cunning^{ah} of heart. ⁸ She is boisterous and stubborn.^{ai} In her house her feet do not keep residing.^{aj} ⁹ Now she is outdoors, now she is in

^a Or, "good motive." M, *leb*. ^b "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chē*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*. ^c Or, "destruction." ^d Or, "stroke." ^e "Approach," by a slight correction in M; "pupil (as of the eye)," or, "middle," M. ^f More literally, "guarded," M.

*Ge 39:9
Pr 7:7
Ec 7:25
Jer 5:21
Ho 4:12
Ro 1:22
Isa 4:1
tPr 2:13
Pr 5:23
Eze 18:31
Heb 13:4
*Isa 9:19
uPr 5:9
*Pr 13:8
v1Kl 15:5
1Ch 5:1
Ne 13:26
Mt 1:6
yNu 5:14
Pr 27:4
1Co 10:22
zCa 8:6
*2Sa 11:8
*Pr 30:12
*Lu 8:15
Re 1:3
*De 11:18
Pr 10:14
*Ca 4:10
*Le 18:5
Isa 55:3
Joh 12:50
*De 32:10
Zec 2:8
*De 6:8
*De 11:18
2Co 3:3
*Jer 9:21
*Pr 2:2
nPr 2:16
rPr 6:24
sJg 5:28
2Sa 6:16
tPs119:130
Ro 16:18
uJer 4:22
vGe 38:15
1Co 6:18
yJg 16:1
zGe 39:10
Ro 13:12
Eph 5:11
*Ex 12:6
*Ge 38:15
*Ge 38:14
Isa 3:16
Jer 4:30
*Pr 9:13
*Ge 18:9
1Ti 5:13

*Pr 9:14
Jer 2:20
Jer 3:2
Eze 16:24
*Pr 23:28
*Ge 39:12
Nu 25:2
Eze 16:33
Re 2:20
*Eze 43:27
*Ec 5:4
kEze 2:4
Eze 3:7
nLe 7:15
Pr 15:8
Pr 21:27
r2Sa 15:7
*Pr 21:24
sCa 1:16
tEze 27:7
uPs 45:8
Ca 3:6
*Isa 5:11

yMr 13:34

zJg 16:15
Ps 12:2
Pr 5:3
Pr 7:5
*2Co 11:3
1Ti 2:14
*Job 13:27
Jer 20:2
Ac 16:24
*Nu 25:8
*Ec 12:4
*Pr 1:17
Ec 9:12
*Pr 9:18

*Pr 4:1
Pr 5:7
Pr 8:32
*Pr 4:14
Pr 5:8
Pr 6:25
*Pr 5:23
k2Sa 12:9
1Kl 11:2

the public squares,^q and near every corner she lies in wait.^r ¹⁸ And she has grabbed hold of him and given him a kiss.^s She has put on a bold face and she begins to say to him:^t

14 "Communion^u sacrifices were incumbent upon me.^v Today I have paid my vows.^w ¹⁵ That is why I have come out to meet you, to look for your face, that I may find you.^x ¹⁶ With coverlets I have bedecked my divan,^y with many-colored things, linen of Egypt.^z ¹⁷ I have besprinkled my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.^{aa} ¹⁸ Do come, let us drink our fill of love until the morning;^{ab} do let us enjoy each other with love expressions.^{ac} ¹⁹ For the husband is not in his house; he has gone traveling on a way of some distance.^{ad} ²⁰ A bag of money^{ae} he has taken in his hand. On the day of the full moon he will come to his house."

21 She has misled him by the abundance of her persuasiveness.^{af} By the smoothness of her lips she seduces him.^{ag} ²² All of a sudden he is going after her,^{ah} like a bull that comes even to the slaughter, and just as if fettered^{ai} for the discipline of a foolish man,^{aj} until an arrow cleaves open his liver,^{ak} just as a bird^{al} hastens into the trap,^{am} and he has not known that it involves his very soul.^{an}

24 And now, O sons, listen to me and pay attention to the sayings of my mouth.^{ao} ²⁵ May your heart not turn aside to her ways.^{ap} Do not wander into her roadways.^{aq} ²⁶ For many are the ones she has caused to fall down slain,^{ar} and all

^a Literally, "the silver," M. ^b Or, "with her." Compare Genesis 24:5, 8, 39. ^c "Fettered," by a change of vowel-pointing in M; "an anklet [or, fetter]," M. ^d Or, "life." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chē*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*.

those being killed by her are numerous.ⁿ ²⁷ The ways to She'ol^a her house is;^r they are descending to the interior rooms of death.^s

O Does not wisdom keep calling out,^t and discernment keep giving forth its voice?^u ²⁸ On top of the heights,^v by the way, at the crossing of the roadways it has stationed itself.^v ²⁹ At the side of the gates, at the mouth of the town,^z at the going in of the entrances it keeps crying loudly:^z ³⁰ "To you, O men,^b I am calling, and my voice is to the sons of men."^c ³¹ O inexperienced ones, understand shrewdness;^a and you stupid ones, understand heart.^d ³² Listen, for it is about the foremost things that I speak,^e and the opening of my lips is about uprightness.^e ³³ For my palate in low tones utters truth itself,^e and wickedness is something detestable to my lips.^e ³⁴ All the sayings of my mouth are in righteousness.^k Among them there is nothing twisted or crooked.ⁿ ³⁵ All of them are straight to the discerning one,^r and upright to the ones finding knowledge.^s ³⁶ TAKE my discipline and not silver,^t and knowledge rather than choice gold.^u ³⁷ For wisdom^o is better than corals,^v and all other delights themselves cannot be made equal to it.^y

¹² "I, wisdom, I have resided with shrewdness^z and I find even the knowledge of thinking abilities."¹³ The fear of Jehovah means the hating of bad.¹⁴ Self-exaltation and pride^a and the bad way and the perverse mouth I have hated.¹⁵ I have counsel^c and practical wisdom.¹⁶ I—understanding;^x I have mightiness.¹⁷ By me kings

^a M, *sh'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *in'feri*. ^b "Men." See Psalm 141: 4, footnote a; Isaiah 53: 3. ^c "Men." M, *a.dam*. ^d Or, "good motive." M, *leb*.

themselves keep reigning^k and high officials themselves keep decreeing righteousness.ⁿ ¹⁶ By me princes themselves keep ruling as princes,^r and nobles are all judging in righteousness.^s ¹⁷ Those loving me^a I myself love,^t and those looking for me are the ones that find me. ¹⁸ Riches and glory^b are with me,^v hereditary values and righteousness.^v ¹⁹ My fruitage is better than gold,^z even than refined gold, and my produce than choice silver.^z ²⁰ In the path of righteousness I walk,^z in the middle of the roadways of judgment,^z ²¹ to cause those loving me to take possession of substance,^z and their storehouses I keep filled.^z

²² "Jehovah himself produced^d me as the beginning^o of his way,^o the earliest of his achievements of long ago."²³ From time indefinite I was installed,^e from the start,^f from times earlier than the earth.^k ²⁴ When there were no surging waters^g I was brought forth as with labor pains,ⁿ when there were no springs heavily charged with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains^p themselves had been settled down,^r ahead of the hills,^p I was brought forth as with labor pains,^z when as yet he had not made the earth^s and the open spaces and the first part of the dust masses of the productive land.^{ht} ²⁷ When he prepared the heavens^o I was there;^u when he decreed a horizon upon the face of the surging

^a "Me," Mmargin LXXVgSyT; "it (her)," M. ^b Or, "honor." ^c M, *hha-ruts*. ^d "Produced." M, *qa-nah*. "Created," LXX (*kti'zo*), SyT (*b'ra*); "possessed," Vg. See Genesis 14:19, footnote f. ^e M, *re-shith*; LXX, *ar.chē*, as in Genesis 1:1. VgSyT read "in the beginning," but MLXX read "as the beginning." ^f Literally, "head." M, *rōsh*. ^g "Surging waters." M, *t'ho-mōth*; see Genesis 1:2, footnote c. ^h "Productive land." MT, *te-bēl*; Vg, *or'bis ter'rae* ("terrestrial circle").

waters,^{av} ²⁸ when he made firm the cloud masses above,^y when he caused the fountains of the surging waters^a to be strong,^z ²⁹ when he set for the sea^o his decree that the waters themselves should not pass beyond his order,^b ³⁰ when he decreed the foundations of the earth,^c ³¹ then I came to be beside him as a master worker^{ca} and I came to be what he^d was specially fond of day by day, I being glad before him all the time,^e ³² being glad at the productive land^e of his earth,^f and the things I was fond of were with the sons of men.^f

32 "And now, O sons, listen to me," and be the happy ones that keep my very ways.^g ³³ Listen to discipline and become wise,^k and do not show any neglect.ⁿ ³⁴ Happy is the man^g that is listening to me by keeping awake at my doors day by day, by watching at the posts of my entrances.^h ³⁵ For the one finding me will certainly find life,^s and gets good will from Jehovah.^t ³⁶ But the one missing me is doing violence to his soul;^{hu} all those intensely hating me are the ones that do love death."^v

9 True wisdom has built its house;^y it has hewn out its seven pillars.^z It has organized its meat slaughtering;ⁱ it has mixed its wine;^j more than that, it has set in order its table.^{ca} ² It has sent forth its lady attendants, that it may call out on top of the heights of the town.^{ca}

^a "Surging waters." M, *tehom*; see Genesis 1:2, footnote c. ^b Literally, "mouth." M, *o* Or, "a fosterling." M, *a-mōn*; LXX, "acting suitably"; Vg, "composing all things"; T, "proving faithful." ^c "He." LXXSy. ^d "Productive land." M, *te-bēl*; LXX, "the inhabited earth." ^e "Men." M, *a-dam*. ^f "Man." M, *a-dam*. ^g "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; LXX *psy-chai*; Vg, *ānī-mā*. ^h "Organized its meat slaughtering." Literally, "slaughtered her slaughtering." M.

vGe 1:6
Isa 40:22
yJob 38:9
zGe 7:11
Ge 8:2
Ps 104:6
Ec 1:7
*Ge 1:9
Job 38:10
Ps 104:9
Jer 5:22
Ec 1:4
*Job 38:4
*Job 1:3
Joh 17:5
Col 1:16
*Job 38:7
Isa 42:1
Mt 3:17
*Ps 9:8
Ps 24:1
Ps 98:7
*Ps 16:3
Joh 4:34
Joh 13:1
*Ps 2:12
1Ti 6:15
*Ge 22:17
Ps 45:15
kRo 10:17
Heb 12:7
1Pe 2:8
nPs 81:12
Ac 7:51
Heb 3:12
Heb 12:25
rMt 5:3
Lu 13:25
Joh 10:1
Ro 13:11
1Th 5:6
sJoh 3:36
Joh 14:6
tPr 12:2
Eph 1:6
uJoh 3:19
Ac 13:46
vPr 5:23
Mt 25:46
*Isa 21:5
y1Co 2:7
Heb 3:6
*Isa 25:6
*Heb 13:10
*Mt 22:3

*Pr 1:22
Mt 11:25
1Co 1:27
*Ps 119:130
Mt 5:3
Jas 3:17
*Ps 22:26
Jer 31:12
Re 22:17
*Ps 26:4
Ac 2:40
2Co 6:17
Re 18:4
*Pr 4:5
Mt 7:13
Lu 13:24
k1Ki 18:17
1Ki 22:24
Pr 15:12
n1Ki 21:20
2Ch 25:16
r1Ki 22:8
Pr 23:9
Mt 7:6
Mt 15:14
sLe 19:17
2Sa 12:7
Ps 141:5
Pr 28:23
tPr 1:5
Mt 13:11
uPr 25:12
Ho 6:3
2Pe 3:18
*Ps 111:10
Pr 1:7
*Isa 16:14
y1Ch 28:9
Mt 11:27
Joh 17:3
zPe 6:2
*Pr 10:27
*Pr 3:2
*Joh 35:7
*Jas 1:26
2Pe 3:3
*Isa 45:10
*Pr 7:11
Pr 21:9
*1Ti 6:4

*Pr 7:12
Pr 23:28
*Pr 7:13
Pr 7:26
Pr 23:27
*Pr 1:22
Pr 9:4

⁴ "Whoever is inexperienced, let him turn aside here.^o Whoever is in want of heart,^a I want to speak to him." ⁵ Come, feed yourselves with my bread and drink in from the wine that I have mixed.^o ⁶ Leave the inexperienced ones and keep living,^z and walk straight in the way of understanding."^h

7 He that is correcting the ridiculer is taking to himself dishonor,^k and he that is giving a reproof to someone wicked—a defect in him.ⁿ ⁸ Do not reprove a ridiculer, that he may not hate you.^r Give a reproof to a wise person and he will love you.^s ⁹ Give to a wise person and he will become still wiser.^t Impart knowledge to someone righteous and he will increase in learning.^u

10 The fear of Jehovah is the start of wisdom,^v and the knowledge of the Most Holy One^b is what understanding is.^y ¹¹ For by me your days will become many^z and to you years^o of life will be added.^z ¹² If you have become wise, you have become wise in your own behalf;^o and if you have ridiculed, you will bear [it], just you alone.^z

13 A woman^o of stupidity is boisterous.^o She is simple-mindedness itself and has come to know nothing whatever.^r ¹⁴ And she has seated herself at the entrance of her house, upon a seat, [in] the high places of the town,^o ¹⁵ to call out to those passing along the way, those who are going straight ahead on their paths:^x ¹⁶ "Whoever is inexperienced, let him turn aside here,"

^a Or, "good motive." M, *leb*. ^b Literally, "the holy ones." M, *q-dō-shim*; the plural number of *q-dōsh*, but in the plural number of excellency, to correspond with "Jehovah." See Gesenius § 124h.

and whoever is in want of heart,^a and I will say to him:^k ¹⁷ 'Stolen waters themselves are sweet,ⁿ and bread [eaten] in secrecy—it is pleasant.' ¹⁸ But he has not come to know that those impotent in death^b are there,^s that those called in by her are in the low places of She'ol.^{ct}

10 Proverbs of Sol'o-mon.
A wise son^c is the one that makes a father^c rejoice,^v and a stupid son is the grief of his mother.^v ² The treasures of the wicked one will be of no benefit,^z but righteousness is what will deliver from death.^{*} ³ Jehovah will not cause the soul of the righteous one to go hungry,^q but the craving of the wicked ones he will push away.^a

4 The one working with a slack hand will be of little means,^q but the hand of the diligent one is what will make one rich.^{*}

5 The son acting with insight is gathering during the summertime;^{cc} the son acting shamefully is fast asleep during the harvest.^{cc}

6 Blessings are for the head of the righteous one,^{*} but as regards the mouth of the wicked ones, it covers up violence.^{dk} ⁷ The mention of the righteous one is due for a blessing,ⁿ but the very name of the wicked ones will rot.^r

8 The one wise in heart will accept commandments,^s but the one foolish with his lips will be trodden down.^t

9 He that is walking in integrity will walk in

^a Or, "good motive." M, *leb*. ^b "Those impotent in death." M, *r'phaim*; LXX, "the earthborn ones"; Vg, "the giants [*gigantes*]"; SyT, "the giants." Compare Proverbs 2:18, footnote a. ^c M, *sh'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *in-fer-nus*. ^d Or, "violence will cover the very mouth of wicked people." See also verse 11.

uPs 25:21
Pr 28:18
vPr 17:20
1Co 4:5

yPs 35:19
Pr 6:13
zPr 18:6
Pr 18:21
3Jo 10

*Ps 37:30
Ec 10:13
Mt 12:34
Jas 3:5

vPr 15:18
Pr 17:19
1Co 13:4
1Pe 4:8

*Pr 15:7
Isa 50:4
Lu 4:22
Ec 32:9

Pr 26:3
1Co 4:21
*Pr 1:5
Mt 12:35

2Co 4:7
*Pr 13:3
Pr 18:7
Pr 21:23

kJob 31:24
Lu 12:19
Pr 19:7
rPr 11:30

Isa 3:10
1Co 15:58
Ga 6:8
sMt 7:17

tPr 4:4
Pr 12:1
Heb 2:1
u2Ch 25:16

Pr 5:12
Pr 15:10
v1Sa 18:21
2Sa 3:27

Lu 20:20
yPs 50:20
Ps 101:5
zEc 5:3

Ec 10:14
Jas 3:2
cPr 15:22
*Ps 39:1

Pr 17:27
Jas 1:19
cPr 12:18
Pr 16:13

Mt 12:35
cPr 6:5
Pr 23:7
Jer 17:9

Mt 12:34

security,^u but he that is making his ways crooked will make himself known.^v

10 The one winking his eye will give pain,^v and the one foolish with his lips will be trodden down.^z ¹¹ The mouth of the righteous one is a source^a of life,^{*} but as regards the mouth of the wicked ones, it covers up violence.^q

12 Hatred is what stirs up strifes,^a but love covers over even all transgressions.^q

13 On the lips of the understanding person wisdom is found,^{*} but the rod is for the back of one in want of heart.^b

14 The wise are the ones that treasure up knowledge,^{*} but the mouth of the foolish one is near to ruin itself.^{*}

15 The valuable things of a rich man are his strong town.^k The ruin of the lowly ones is their poverty.ⁿ

16 The activity of the righteous one results in life;^r the produce of the wicked one results in sin.^s

17 He that is holding to discipline is a path to life,^{ct} but he that is leaving reproof is causing to wander.^u

18 Where there is one covering over hatred there are lips of falsehood,^v and the one bringing forth a bad report is stupid.^v

19 In the abundance^z of words there does not fail to be transgression,^z but the one keeping his lips in check is acting discreetly.^{*}

20 The tongue of the righteous one is choice silver;^q the heart of the wicked one is worth little.^a

^a Or, "well." M, *ma-qōr*. ^b Or, "good motive." M, *leb*. ^c "Is on the path to life," by altering the vowel-pointing of M.

21 The very lips of the righteous one keep pasturing^a many,^c but for want of heart^b the foolish themselves keep dying.*

22 The blessing of Jehovah—that is what makes rich,^a and he adds no pain with it.^c

23 To the stupid one the carrying on of loose conduct is like sport,^a but wisdom is for the man^d of discernment.^k

24 The thing frightful to the wicked one—that is what will come to him,ⁿ but the desire of the righteous ones will be granted.^r ²⁵ As when the stormwind passes over, so the wicked one is no more,^s but the righteous one is a foundation to time indefinite.^t

26 As vinegar to the teeth^u and as smoke^c to the eyes,^v so the lazy man is to those sending him forth.^y

27 The very fear of Jehovah will add days,^z but the years themselves of the wicked ones will be cut short.*

28 The expectation of the righteous ones is a rejoicing,^q but the very hope of the wicked ones will perish.^a

29 The way of Jehovah is a stronghold for one of integrity,^q but ruin is for the practicers of what is hurtful.^r

30 As for the righteous one, to time indefinite he will not be caused to stagger,^q but as for the wicked ones, they will not keep residing on the earth.*

31 The mouth of the righteous one—it bears the fruit of wisdom,^q but the tongue of perverseness will be cut off.^k

32 The lips of the righteous one—they come

Job 23:12
Ps 37:30
Jer 3:15
Pr 5:2
Pr 5:12
Ho 4:6
Ro 1:28
De 8:18
Isa 2:7
Ps 37:22
Ps 107:38
1Ti 6:6
Jas 5:1
Pr 14:9
Pr 26:19
kPr 15:21
nJob 15:21
Heb 10:27
rPs 21:2
Ps 37:4
Joh 16:24
1Jo 5:14
sJob 27:19
Ps 37:10
Ps 58:9
Isa 40:24
cIsa 6:4
tPs 15:5
Mt 7:24
1Co 3:14
1Ti 6:19
uPr 25:20
vIsa 65:5
yMt 25:26
Ro 12:11
Heb 6:12
zPs 21:4
Ps 91:16
Ps 55:23
Ec 7:17
Jer 17:11
Lu 12:20
cPs 16:9
Ro 5:2
Ro 12:12
dPs 112:10
Pr 11:7
Mt 25:46
cPs 84:7
Isa 40:31
Php 4:13
Job 31:3
Ps 1:6
Lu 13:27
Ro 2:8
cPs 16:8
Ps 125:1
Ps 37:9
Mic 2:10
Mt 21:41
cPs 37:30
Pr 10:11
kPs 63:11

to know good will,ⁿ but the mouth of the wicked ones is perverseness.^r

11 A cheating pair of scales is something detestable to Jehovah,^a but a complete stone-weight is a pleasure to him.^t

2 Has presumptuousness come? Then dishonor will come;^u but wisdom is with the modest ones.^v

3 The integrity of the upright ones is what leads them,^y but distortion by those dealing treacherously will despoil them.^{az}

4 Valuable things will be of no benefit on the day of fury,^a but righteousness itself will deliver from death.^q

5 The righteousness of the blameless one is what will make his way straight,^a but in his own wickedness the wicked^q one will fall.^q ⁶ The righteousness of the upright ones is what will deliver them,^r but by their^b craving^c those dealing treacherously will themselves be caught.^q

7 When a wicked man^d dies [his] hope perishes^s and even expectation [based] on powerfulness has perished.^s

8 The righteous is the one rescued even from distress,^k but the wicked one comes in instead of him.ⁿ

9 By [his] mouth the one who is an apostate brings his fellow man to ruin,^r but by knowledge are the righteous rescued.^s

10 Because of the goodness of the righteous ones a town is elated,^t but when the wicked ones perish there is a joyful cry.^u

11 Because of the blessing of the upright ones

nEc 12:10
Tit 2:8
rPr 12:6
Pr 15:2
sLe 19:35
De 25:16
Pr 20:10
Am 8:5
Mic 6:10
tPr 16:11
Eze 45:10
uPr 3:35
Pr 16:18
Pr 18:12
Lu 14:8
vPr 15:33
1Pe 5:5
yPs 25:21
Ps 26:1
Pr 13:6
zPr 21:7
Pr 28:18
Isa 1:28
cPs 49:5
Pr 10:2
Zep 1:18
Mt 16:26
dEc 7:1
Pr 12:28
1Ti 4:8
Azep 2:3
cPr 28:1
c2Sa 17:23
Es 7:10
Ps 9:15
Pr 5:22
cGe 30:33
1Sa 12:3
cPs 7:16
Pr 1:32
Ec 10:8
Ps 146:4
Pr 10:28
cEx 15:9
Pr 14:32
Lu 12:20
kEs 8:2
Da 3:26
Da 6:23
nEs 7:10
Pr 21:18
rPs 55:12
Ac 20:30
2Co 11:13
2Pe 2:1
sPr 4:6
Eph 4:13
1Jo 2:21
tEs 8:15
Pr 28:12
uEx 15:21
Jg 5:31

^a Or, "shepherding." M, *ra'ah*. ^b Or, "good motive." M, *leb*.
^c Or, "and pain (ful effort) adds nothing to it." ^d "Man." M, *ish*.

^a This reading is according to M margin Vg. ^b "Their," LXXVg SyT; omitted by M. ^c Or, "destruction," LXX. ^d "Man." M, *a-dam*.

a town is exalted,^v but because of the mouth of the wicked ones it gets torn down.^y

12 The one in want of heart^a has despised his own fellow man,^z but the man^b of broad discernment is one that keeps silent.^{*}

13 The one walking about as a slanderer^c is uncovering confidential talk,^d but the one faithful in spirit^e is covering over a matter.^g

14 When there is no skillful direction the people fall,^{*} but there is salvation in the multitude of counselors.^g

15 One will positively fare badly because he has gone surety^c for a stranger,^{*} but the one hating handshaking is keeping carefree.^{*}

16 A woman of charm is the one that takes hold of glory,^{ak} but the tyrants, for their part, take hold of riches.

17 A man^b of loving-kindness^e is dealing rewardingly with his own soul,^r but the cruel person is bringing trouble upon his own organism.^s

18 The wicked one is making false wages,^{ft} but the one sowing righteousness, true earnings.^u

19 The one firmly standing for righteousness^g is in line for life,^v but the one chasing after what is bad is in line for his own death.^y

20 Those crooked at heart are something detestable to Jehovah,^z but the ones blameless in [their] way are a pleasure to him.^{*}

21 Though hand be to hand, a bad person will not go unpunished,^z but the offspring of the righteous ones will certainly escape.^h

^a Or, "good motive." M, *leb*. ^b "Man." M, *ish*. ^c M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *pro.e'* ("breath"); Vg, *a'ni-mus*. ^d Or, "honor." ^e Or, "loyal love." ^f "Wages." That is, the reward for "activity." M, *pa'u-lah*. ^g By a correction of M; "A son of righteousness [or, righteous son]," LXXSy (reading *ben* for *khen*); "Thus whoever does righteousness," T.

vGe 41:38
Ge 45:8
Ec 9:15
y2Sa 20:1
Jas 3:5
zNe 4:2
Ps 123:4
*Pr 17:27
1Pe 2:23
cLe 19:16
dPr 20:19
Pr 25:9
Pr 26:20
eEc 3:21
fJos 2:20
gKl 12:14
Isa 19:13
Pr 15:22
Pr 24:6
*Pr 17:18
Pr 20:16
*Pr 6:1
cPr 27:13
k1Sa 25:32
2Sa 20:16
Lu 10:42
Ac 9:39
yDa 4:27
Lu 6:38
2Co 9:6
sPr 15:26
Jas 5:3
tJob 27:13
Ga 6:7
uPs 126:5
Ga 6:8
Jas 3:18
vPr 10:16
Pr 12:28
Ac 10:35
yPr 7:23
Pr 8:36
Ro 6:23
zPs 18:26
Pr 6:14
*Ps 11:7
Ps 51:6
Pr 15:8
Pr 21:29
eEx 23:2
Pr 16:5
aGe 17:7
Ps 37:26
Ps 112:2
Pr 13:22
Isa 59:21
Jer 32:39

dPr 31:30
Eze 16:15
1Pe 3:3
*Pr 7:10
Pr 9:13
ePs 10:17
Ps 37:4
Isa 26:9
Jer 17:16
Mt 5:6
*Pr 10:28
Pr 11:7
Heb 10:27
*De 15:10
Ps 112:9
Pr 19:17
Ec 11:1
Lu 6:38
2Co 9:7
kHag 1:6
Hag 2:16
nJob 29:12
Mt 5:7
Mt 25:35
rPr 28:27
sAm 8:5
tJob 29:13
uPr 8:35
Pr 12:2
Lu 2:14
vEs 7:10
Pr 7:15
Ps 10:2
Ps 57:6
Pr 17:11
yJob 31:24
Ps 52:7
Ps 62:10
1Ti 6:10
zPs 1:3
Ps 52:8
Isa 60:21
Jer 17:8
*Ge 34:30
1Sa 25:3
Hab 2:9
cIsa 3:10
Ec 5:16
Ho 8:7
dGe 2:9
Pr 3:18
*Da 12:3
Mt 4:19
1Co 9:19
eMt 5:5
Mt 25:34
*2Th 1:6
1Pe 4:18
*De 11:2
Pr 23:12
kPs 32:9
Isa 1:3

22 As a gold nose-ring in the snout of a pig,^g so is a woman that is beautiful but that is turning away from sensibleness.^{a*}

23 The desire of the righteous ones is surely good;^g the hope of the wicked ones is fury.^{*}

24 There exists the one that is scattering and yet is being increased,^g also the one that is keeping back from what is right, but it results only in want.^k

25 The generous soul^b will itself be made fat,ⁿ and the one freely watering [others] will himself also be freely watered.^r

26 The one holding back grain^a—the populace will execrate him, but there is a blessing for the head of the one letting it be bought.^t

27 He that is looking for good, will keep seeking good will,^u but as for the one searching for bad, it will come upon him.^v

28 The one trusting in his riches—he himself will fall,^y but just like foliage the righteous ones will flourish.^z

29 As for anyone troubling his own house,^{*} he will take possession of wind,^g and a foolish person will be a servant to the one wise in heart.

30 The fruitage^g of the righteous one is a tree of life,^g and he that is winning souls is wise.^{*}

31 Look! the righteous one—in the earth he will be rewarded.^g How much more should the wicked one and the sinner be!^{*}

12 A lover of discipline is a lover of knowledge,^g but a hater of reproof is unreasoning.^k

2 One that is good gets approval from Jeho-

^a Or, "tastefulness"; or, "good taste." ^b Literally, "the soul with a blessing gift," M.

vah,^a but the man^a of [wicked] ideas he pronounces guilty.^r

3 No man^b will be firmly established by wickedness;^s but as for the root-foundation of the righteous ones, it will not be caused to stagger.^t

4 A capable wife is a crown to her owner,^u but as rotteness in his bones is she that acts shamefully.^v

5 The thoughts of the righteous ones are judgment;^y the steering by the wicked ones is deception.^z

6 The words of the wicked ones are a lying in wait^c for blood,^e but the mouth^o of the upright ones is what will deliver them.^p

7 There is an overthrowing^d of the wicked ones and they are no more,^a but the very house^o of the righteous ones will keep standing.^q

8 For his mouth of discretion a man^a will be praised,^r but one who is twisted at heart will come to be for contempt.^s

9 Better is the one lightly esteemed but having a servant^x than the one glorifying himself but in want of bread.^y

10 The righteous one is caring for the soul^e of his domestic animal,^k but the mercies of the wicked ones are cruel.ⁿ

11 The one cultivating his ground will himself be satisfied with bread,^r but the one pursuing valueless things is in want of heart.^s

12 The wicked one has desired the netted

nPs 112:5
Ac 11:24
Ro 5:7
rPs 9:16
cPr 29:23
sJob 27:17
l1Sa 25:33
Eph 3:17
Col 2:7
cPr 31:11
uPr 31:10
lCo 11:7
vPr 14:30
yPs 119:15
zPs 140:2
Mt 26:4
*2Sa 17:1
Ac 23:12
eEs 7:4
Pr 14:3
cPr 15:2
dEs 9:6
Job 27:19
Ps 37:10
Pr 14:11
cIsa 2:2
*2Sa 7:16
Pr 24:3
Mt 7:24
*1Sa 16:18
Es 8:1
Lu 12:42
lCo 3:10
2Co 10:18
*1Sa 13:13
1Sa 25:17
Ps 132:18
Mt 27:4
Ac 12:23
*Pr 13:7
*Lu 14:11
kGe 33:13
De 25:4
nJg 1:7
1Sa 11:2
Joh 19:31
Jas 2:13
rPs 128:2
Pr 28:19
Eph 4:28
sJg 9:4
Pr 6:32
Tit 1:10

prey of bad men,^t but as for the root of the righteous ones, it yields.^u

13 By the transgression of the lips the bad person is ensnared,^{ov} but the righteous one gets out of distress.^y

14 From the fruitage of a man's^a mouth he is satisfied with good,^z and the very doing of a man's^b hands will come back to him.^{*}

15 The way of the foolish one is right in his own eyes,^c but the one listening to counsel is wise.^d

16 It is a foolish person that makes known his vexation in the [same] day,^e but the shrewd one is covering over a dishonor.

17 He that launches forth faithfulness will tell what is righteous,^o but a false witness, deception.^{*}

18 There exists the one speaking thoughtlessly as with the stabs of a sword, but the tongue of the wise ones is a healing.^k

19 It is the lip of truth that will be firmly established forever,ⁿ but the tongue of falsehood will be only as long as a moment.^{cr}

20 Deception is in the heart of those fabricating mischief,^s but those counseling peace have rejoicing.^t

21 Nothing hurtful will befall the righteous one,^u but the wicked are the ones that will certainly be filled with calamity.^v

22 False lips are something detestable^o to Jehovah,^y but those acting in faithfulness are a pleasure to him.^z

23 A shrewd man^d is covering knowledge,^{*}

tPs 9:15
Ps 10:9
Pr 29:5
Jer 5:26
Mic 7:2
cPr 14:27
uPs 1:3
Isa 27:6
Jer 17:8
Joh 15:16
v1Kl 2:23
rPs 5:6
Da 6:24
Mt 27:25
yGe 48:16
2Sa 4:9
Ec 7:18
2Pe 2:9
zPs 63:5
Pr 13:2
Pr 18:20
*Isa 3:11
Mt 16:27
cPr 8:7
Pr 26:12
Ga 6:3
dPr 1:5
Ec 4:13
cIsa 20:30
1Kl 19:2
Pr 25:28
*1Sa 22:14
Pr 14:5
*Pr 6:19
Pr 21:28
Mt 26:59
kPr 10:21
Pr 16:24
nMt 24:35
Pr 19:9
Ac 5:3
*Pr 26:24
Mr 7:21
*Pr 12:14
Ro 1:29
tIsa 9:7
Zec 6:13
Mt 5:9
Heb 12:14
uRo 8:28
vPr 1:31
Pr 14:14
Hab 2:16
Re 18:6
cIsa 1:13
yPs 5:6
Pr 6:17
Re 21:8
zPr 11:1
Pr 15:8
*Pr 10:19

^a "Man." M, ish. ^b "Man." M, a-dam'. ^c "A lying in wait." The verb here in the Hebrew is in the infinitive construct. ^d "There is an overthrowing." The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive absolute and hence is impersonal and indefinite as to time. ^e "Soul." M, neph'esh; LXX, psy-chai'; Vg, a-ni-ma. ^f Or, "good motive." M, leb.

^a "Man's." M, ish. ^b "Man's." M, a-dam'. ^c Literally, "will be only as long as I am inclined to give rest [or, to twinkle]," M. ^d "Man." M, a-dam'.

but the heart of the stupid ones is one that calls out foolishness.^c

24 The hand of the diligent ones is the one that will rule,^a but the slack hand will come to be for forced labor.^d

25 Anxious care in the heart of a man^a is what will cause it to bow down,^e but the good word^c is what makes it rejoice.^e

26 The righteous one spies out his own pasture, but the very way of wicked ones causes them to wander about.^e

27 Slackness will not start up one's game animals,^k but the diligent one is a man's^b precious wealth.

28 In the path of righteousness^c there is life,^r and the journey in its pathway means no death.^s

13 A son is wise where there is a father's discipline,^t but the ridiculer is one that has not listened to rebuke.^u

2 From the fruitage of his mouth a man will eat good,^v but the very soul^c of those dealing treacherously is violence.^v

3 The one guarding his mouth is keeping his soul.^{az} The one opening wide his lips—he will have ruin.^e

4 The lazy one is showing himself desirous, but his soul^d [has] nothing.^o However, the very soul^{do} of the diligent ones will be made fat.^a

5 A false word is what the righteous^c hates,^o but the wicked ones act shamefully and cause disgrace for themselves.^e

6 Righteousness itself safeguards the one

Pr 13:16
Pr 15:2
Ec 10:12
1Ki 11:28
Pr 10:4
Pr 17:2
Pr 22:29
Pr 19:15
Pr 21:25
Ne 2:1
Ps 38:6
Ps 42:11
Pr 15:13
Mt 6:25
Pr 15:1
Pr 16:24
Isa 50:4
Zec 1:13
Ps 81:12
Jas 1:14
2Pe 2:18
kPr 13:4
Pr 26:15
rPr 8:35
Pr 9:11
Ro 5:21
lJo 3:7
Isa 1:27
sPr 10:22
Re 21:4
tPr 4:1
Pr 15:5
Heb 12:7
u1Sa 2:25
Pr 9:7
Isa 28:14
Jas 4:16
vPr 12:14
Pr 18:20
yPs 140:11
Pr 4:17
Hab 2:8
zPs 39:1
Pr 21:23
Pr 10:19
Pr 12:13
Mt 12:36
Jas 1:26
Jas 3:6
Pr 12:24
Pr 26:13
Pr 11:25
Isa 3:9
Isa 3:10
Ps 119:163
Pr 6:17
Pr 30:8
Eph 4:25
Col 3:9
Pr 3:35
Da 12:2

^a "Man." M, *ish*. ^b "Man's." M, *a-dam'*. ^c Or, "soulful desire." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chai'*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*. ^d "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*.

Ps 15:2
Ps 25:21
2Ch 28:23
Ps 140:11
Pr 12:9
1Co 4:8
k1Co 4:10
2Co 4:7
Re 2:9
nEx 21:30
Jer 41:8
Mt 16:26
Pr 21:18

r2Ki 24:14
2Ki 25:12
Jer 39:10
s1Ki 11:36
Ps 97:11
tJob 21:17
Pr 20:20
Mt 25:8
uJg 12:1
Pr 21:24
vJg 8:2
Pr 19:20
yPr 28:8
Ec 5:14
Jer 17:11
zPs 128:2
Pr 20:21
Ps 69:3
Ps 143:7
La 4:17
Pr 3:18
Re 22:2
Ge 21:7
1Sa 1:27
Joh 2:30
Lu 16:22
2Ch 36:16
Heb 10:28
mGe 38:17
Ps 19:11
Ps 119:165
Mt 5:12
2Jo 8
Pr 9:11
Pr 10:11
Pr 16:22
2Sa 22:6
Ps 18:5
k1Sa 18:14
nPr 4:19
Ro 6:21
Pr 12:23
Mt 10:16
s1Sa 25:17
Ec 10:3

who is harmless in his way,^e but wickedness is what subverts the sinner.^a

7 There exists the one that is pretending to be rich and yet he has nothing at all;^e there is the one that is pretending to be of little means and yet [he has] many valuable things.^k

8 The ransom^c for a man's soul^b is his riches,ⁿ but the one of little means has not heard rebuke.^r

9 The very light of the righteous ones will rejoice,^s but the lamp of the wicked ones—it will be extinguished.^t

10 By presumptuousness one only causes a struggle,^u but with those consulting together there is wisdom.^v

11 Valuable things resulting from vanity become fewer,^v but the one collecting by the hand is the one that makes increase.^z

12 Expectation postponed is making the heart sick,^e but the thing desired is a tree of life^c when it does come.^a

13 He that has despised the word,^e from him a [debtor's] pledge will be seized,^m but the one fearing the commandment is the one that will be rewarded.^o

14 The law of the wise one is a source^c of life,^e to turn one away from the snares of death.^e

15 Good insight itself gives favor,^k but the way of those dealing treacherously is rugged.^{dn}

16 Everyone shrewd will act with knowledge,^r but the one that is stupid will spread abroad foolishness.^s

^a By a slight correction of M, which appears to read: "wickedness is what distorts a sin offering." ^b "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*. ^c Or, "well." M, *ma-qor'*. ^d Or, "is their disaster," by a correction of M, which may read "is rugged." The Hebrew is uncertain.

17 A messenger^o that is wicked will fall into bad, but a faithful envoy is a healing.^u

18 The one neglecting discipline [comes to] poverty and dishonor,^v but the one keeping a reproof is the one that is glorified.^v

19 Desire when realized is pleasurable to the soul,^z but it is something detestable to the stupid ones to turn away from bad.^z

20 He that is walking with wise persons will become wise,^z but he that is having dealings with the stupid ones will fare badly.^z

21 Sinners^o are the ones whom calamity pursues,^o but the righteous are the ones whom good rewards.^z

22 One who is good will leave an inheritance to sons of sons,^z and the wealth of the sinner is something treasured up for the righteous one.^z

23 Plowed ground of persons of little means [yields] a great deal of food,^z but there exists the one that is swept away for lack of judgment.^o^k

24 The one holding back his rod is hating his son,ⁿ but the one loving him is he that does look for him with discipline.^r

25 The righteous is eating to the satisfaction of his soul,^s but the belly of the wicked ones will be empty.^t

14 The truly wise woman has built^o up her house,^u but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.^v

2 The one walking in his uprightness is fearing Jehovah,^v but the one crooked in his ways is despising Him.^z

3 The rod of haughtiness is in the mouth of the foolish one,^z but the very lips of the wise ones will guard them.^o

Isa 14:32
uRe 22:2
vPr 15:32
Heb 12:25
yPs 141:5
Pr 25:12
Heb 12:11
zIKl 1:48
Ps 21:2
2Ti 4:7
*Ps 34:14
Pr 3:7
Pr 29:27
cPs 119:63
Pr 2:20
Ac 2:42
Heb 10:24
AGe 13:12
Ge 14:12
cPr 23:17
cGe 4:7
Nu 32:23
*Isa 3:10
Ro 2:10
*Ge 17:7
*Job 27:17
Pr 11:29
Ec 2:26
Isa 61:6
*Pr 12:11
Pr 27:18
Pr 28:19
cJoe 1:16
kPr 11:8
Jer 8:7
cIsa 3:14
nPr 19:18
Pr 22:15
Pr 29:15
rPr 3:12
Eph 6:4
Heb 12:6
*Ps 34:10
Ps 37:3
Heb 13:5
tDe 28:48
Isa 65:13
2Th 3:10
cIsa 60:10
uRu 4:11
Pr 24:3
Pr 31:10
vIKl 16:31
2Ki 11:1
Pr 9:13
Pr 19:13
yIKl 3:6
Job 1:1
Ac 10:35
zPs 123:4
Lu 10:16
*Isa 2:3
Pr 21:24
2Pe 2:18
cPr 12:6
Ro 10:10

4Pr 13:23
1Co 9:9
1Ki 22:14
Pr 12:17
Re 3:14
cPr 21:28
*Ex 20:16
IKl 21:13
Pr 19:5
*Ro 1:21
1Co 3:18
2Pe 3:3
*Jas 1:5
*Pr 9:6
kPr 13:20
1Co 5:11
Eph 5:11
nPs 111:10
Eph 5:17
Col 1:10
rPr 11:18
Lu 12:19
Eph 4:22
sPr 10:23
Pr 30:20
Jude 18
tPr 3:4
Pr 8:35
Pr 13:15
uGe 42:21
1Sa 1:10
2Ki 4:27
Job 7:11
Pr 18:14
Joh 12:27
vPhp 4:7
1Pe 1:8
yJob 21:28
Pr 3:33
Pr 12:7
Pr 21:12
Mt 7:27
zPs 112:3
Pr 21:20
*Pr 30:12
Ga 6:3
Jas 1:22
cPr 16:25
Ro 6:21
*Ec 2:2
cPr 5:4
Lu 16:25
*Pr 1:31
Jer 2:19
Heb 3:12
e2Co 1:12
Ga 6:4
*Pr 22:3
Pr 27:12
Ro 16:18
*Am 5:13
Ac 13:7

4 Where there are no cattle the manger is clean, but the crop is abundant because of the power of a bull.^a

5 A faithful witness^o is one that will not lie,^o but a false witness launches forth mere lies.^z

6 The ridiculer has sought to find wisdom, and there is none,^o but to the understanding one knowledge is an easy thing.^z

7 Go away from in front of the stupid man,^z for you will certainly not take note of the lips of knowledge.^k

8 The wisdom of the shrewd is to understand his way,ⁿ but the foolishness of stupid ones is deception.^r

9 Foolish are those who make a derision of guilt,^s but among the upright ones there is agreement.^{at}

10 The heart^b is aware of the bitterness of one's soul,^u and with its rejoicing no stranger will intermeddle.^v

11 The house of wicked people will be annihilated,^v but the tent of the upright ones will flourish.^z

12 There exists a way that is upright before a man,^z but the ways of death are the end of it afterward.^o

13 Even in laughter the heart may be in pain,^a and grief is what rejoicing ends up in.^o

14 The one faithless at heart will have his fill of the results of his own ways,^z but the good man with the results of his dealings.^z

15 Anyone inexperienced puts faith in every word,^o but the shrewd one considers his steps.^z

^a Or, "approval." ^b Or, "good motive." M, *leb*. ^c Or, "thing." M, *da-bar*.

16 The wise one fears and is turning away from badness,^k but the stupid is becoming furious and self-confident.ⁿ

17 He that is quick to anger will commit foolishness,^r but the man of thinking abilities is hated.^s

18 The inexperienced ones will certainly take possession of foolishness,^t but the shrewd ones will bear knowledge as a headdress.^u

19 Bad people will have to bow down before the good ones,^v and the wicked people at the gates of the righteous one.

20 Even to his fellow man one who is of little means is an object of hatred,^z but many are the friends of the rich person.^{*}

21 The one despising his own fellow man is sinning,^q but happy^o is he who is showing favor to the afflicted ones.^a

22 Will not those devising mischief go wandering about?^o But there are loving-kindness^a and trueness as regards those devising good.^{*}

23 By every kind of toil there comes to be an advantage,^o but merely the word of the lips [tends] to want.^{*}

24 The crown of the wise is their riches;^h the foolishness of the stupid ones is foolishness.^k

25 A true witness^b is delivering souls,ⁿ but a deceitful one^c launches forth mere lies.^r

26 In the fear of Jehovah there is strong confidence,^s and for his sons there will come to be a refuge.^t

27 The fear of Jehovah is a well of life,^u to turn away from the snares^o of death.^v

28 In the multitude of people there is an

kGe 39:9
Ge 42:18
1Th 5:22
n1K1 19:2
rPr 12:16
Pr 16:32
sEs 3:5
tPr 3:35
Pr 11:29
1Pe 1:18
uPr 4:9
Pr 11:30
vGe 42:6
Isa 60:14
zJob 30:10
*Pr 19:7
*Es 3:2
Es 5:11
Pr 19:4
cPr 11:12
Jas 2:5
aPs 41:1
Pr 19:17
Mt 25:34
1Jo 3:17
iIsa 32:7
*Ge 24:27
Ps 25:10
Pr 19:22
cPr 28:14
cPr 12:24
Joh 6:27
Heb 6:10
*2Th 3:11
1Ti 5:13
1Pe 4:15
*Ps 112:9
Ec 7:11
Isa 33:6
Lu 16:9
kPr 27:22
Lu 12:20
nAc 20:21
Ac 26:20
Jas 5:20
rPr 14:5
1Ti 4:2
2Pe 3:3
sGe 31:42
Ps 34:9
Ec 7:18
Ac 9:31
tPr 18:10
Isa 26:20
Jer 15:11
uPr 13:14
Isa 33:6
Re 21:6
cPr 29:25
vPs 18:5
Pr 22:5
Ec 7:26

y1K1 4:20
z2K1 10:32
2K1 13:7
*Pr 17:27
Jas 1:19
cPr 25:28
Ec 7:9
aPs 119:80
Pr 4:23
cPs 112:10
Ac 7:9
*Ps 12:5
Pr 17:5
Pr 22:2
Ec 5:8
cPr 19:17
1Jo 3:17
1Jo 4:21
*Job 27:20
Ro 9:22
1Th 5:3
*Job 1:1
Ps 9:10
Ps 37:28
2Co 4:9
kPr 15:28
rDe 4:6
sPs 149:7
cIsa 2:2
tPs 101:6
Mt 15:24
Mt 24:45
uPr 17:2
cPr 19:12
vJg 8:2
Isa 25:24
Pr 25:15
yIsa 23:10
*Isa 19:43
*K1 12:14
Pr 29:22
cIsa 8:10
zPs 45:1
Pr 13:16
Pr 16:23
Ec 10:12
Isa 50:4
sIsa 5:14
*Ps 59:7
Jas 3:10
cJob 34:21
Jer 16:17
Jer 23:24
Heb 4:13
*2Ch 16:9
Pr 5:21
cPr 12:18
Pr 16:24
Re 22:2
*Ps 52:2
Pr 18:8
Pr 18:14

adornment of a king,^y but in the lack of population is the ruin of a high official.^z

29 He that is slow to anger is abundant in discernment,^{*} but one that is impatient^a is exalting foolishness.^q

30 A calm heart is the life of the fleshly organism,^a but jealousy is rottenness to the bones.^o

31 He that is defrauding the lowly one has reproached his Maker,^{*} but the one showing favor to the poor one is glorifying Him.^o

32 Because of his badness the wicked will be pushed down,^{*} but the righteous will be finding refuge in his integrity.^b

33 In the heart of the understanding one there rests wisdom,^k and in the midst of stupid ones it becomes known.

34 Righteousness is what exalts a nation,^o but sin is something disgraceful to national groups.^a

35 The pleasure of a king^o is in the servant who is acting with insight,^t but his fury comes to be toward one acting shamefully.^u

15 An answer, when mild, turns away rage,^v but a word^c causing pain makes anger to come up.^y

2 The tongue of wise ones does good with knowledge,^z but the mouth^o of the stupid ones bubbles forth with foolishness.^{*}

3 The eyes of Jehovah are in every place,^o keeping watch upon the bad ones and the good ones.^a

4 The calmness of the tongue is a tree of life,^o but distortion in it means a breaking down in the spirit.^{*}

^a Or, "loyal love." ^b Literally, "a witness of truth," M. ^c Literally, "a deception," M; that is, a witness of deception.

^a Literally, "short of spirit [ru'ahh]," M. ^b "Integrity," by a slight correction of M to agree with LXXSy; "death," M.

5 Anyone foolish disrespects the discipline of his father,^e but anyone regarding reproof is shrewd.^a

6 In the house^a of the righteous one there is an abundant store,^a but in the produce of the wicked one there is troublesomeness.^k

7 The lips of the wise ones keep scattering knowledge about,ⁿ but the heart of the stupid ones is not like that.^r

8 The sacrifice of the wicked ones is something detestable to Jehovah,^s but the prayer of the upright ones is a pleasure to him.^t

9 The way of the wicked one is something detestable to Jehovah,^u but the one pursuing righteousness he loves.^v

10 Discipline is bad to the one leaving the path;^y anyone hating reproof will die.^z

11 She'ol^b and [the place of] destruction^c are in front of Jehovah.^{*} How much more so the hearts of the sons of mankind!^d

12 The ridiculer does not love the one reproving him.^a To the wise ones he will not go.^b

13 A joyful heart has a good effect on the countenance,^c but because of the pain of the heart there is a stricken spirit.^d

14 The understanding heart is one that searches for knowledge,^e but the mouth of the stupid ones is one that aspires to foolishness.^f

15 All the days of the afflicted one are bad;^g but the one that is good^e at heart [has]^f a feast constantly.^h

16 Better is a little in the fear of Jehovah^r

^a "In the house," LXXSyT; "The house," MVg. ^b M, *sh'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *in-fer'nus*. ^c "Destruction." M, *a-bad-dōn'*. See Job 26: 6, footnote f. ^d Or, "earthling man." M, *a-dam'*. ^e Or, "merry." M, *tōb*. ^f Or, "but as regards the one that is good at heart there is."

than an abundant supply and confusion along with it.^a

17 Better is a dish of vegetables where there is love^t than a manger-fed bull and hatred along with it.^u

18 An enraged man stirs up strife,^v but one that is slow to anger quiets down contention.^y

19 The way of the lazy one is like a brier hedge,^z but the path of the upright ones is a way cast up.^a

20 A wise son is the one that makes a father rejoice,^b but a stupid man is despising his mother.^c

21 Foolishness is a rejoicing to one who is in want of heart,^d but the man of discernment is one who goes straight ahead.^e

22 There is a frustrating of plans where there is no confidential talk, but in the multitude^c of counselors there is accomplishment.^g

23 A man has rejoicing in the answer of his mouth,^h and a word at its right time is O how good!ⁱ

24 The path of life is upward to one acting with insight,^k in order to turn away from She'ol^b down below.ⁿ

25 The house of the self-exalted ones Jehovah will tear down,^r but he will fix the boundary of the widow.^s

26 The schemes of the bad one are something detestable to Jehovah,^t but pleasant sayings are clean.^u

27 The one making unjust profit is troubling his own house,^v but the hater of gifts^c is the one that will keep living.^y

^a Or, "good motive." M, *leb*. ^b M, *sh'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *in-fer'nus*.

28 The heart of the righteous one meditates^a so as to answer,^z but the mouth of the wicked ones bubbles forth with bad things.^z

29 Jehovah is far away from the wicked ones,^z but the prayer of the righteous ones he hears.^z

30 The brightness of the eyes makes the heart rejoice,^z a report that is good makes the bones fat.^z

31 The ear that is listening to the reproof of life^z lodges right in among wise people.^z

32 Anyone shunning discipline is rejecting his own soul,^k but the one listening to reproof is acquiring heart.^{bn}

33 The fear of Jehovah is a discipline toward wisdom,^r and before glory there is humility.^z

16 To earthling man^c belong the arrangements of the heart,^t but from Jehovah is the answer of the tongue.^u

2 All the ways of a man^d are pure in his own eyes,^v but Jehovah is estimating the spirits.^y

3 Roll your works upon Jehovah himself^z and your plans will be firmly established.

4 Everything Jehovah has made for his purpose,^z yes, even the wicked one for the evil day.^z

5 Everyone that is proud in heart is something detestable to Jehovah,^z Hand [may join] to hand, [yet] one will not be free from punishment.^z

6 By loving-kindness^e and trueness error is atoned for,^z and in the fear of Jehovah one turns away from bad.^z

7 When Jehovah takes pleasure in the ways

zPr 16:23
Ec 5:2
Tit 1:10
2Pe 2:18
QPs 138:6
Mt 23:46
QPs 66:19
Isa 58:9
Ezr 9:8
Pr 13:9
QPr 3:8
Isa 58:11
Lu 2:14
Pr 1:23
Isa 55:3
Joh 15:4
JJo 2:19
kPs 50:17
Pr 5:12
Heb 12:25
nPr 18:15
Mt 7:24
Heb 12:10
rJob 28:28
Ps 34:11
sPr 18:12
Pr 29:23
Lu 14:11
Jas 4:10
tEzr 7:27
Ps 10:17
Pr 21:1
2Co 8:16
Php 2:13
uEx 4:11
Jer 1:8
Mt 10:20
Lu 12:12
Lu 21:15
vIsa 15:13
Ps 36:2
Lu 18:11
yIsa 2:3
Isa 16:7
Pr 24:12
Lu 16:15
zPs 37:4
Mt 6:26
Php 4:6
1Pe 5:7
Isa 43:21
Isa 46:11
Re 4:11
zJob 21:30
Ro 9:22
zJob 40:12
Pr 8:13
Isa 3:11
Ro 2:8
sPr 20:28
Ac 15:9
Ge 20:11
Pr 14:26

^a Or, "considers, muttering," M. ^b Or, "good motive," M. ^{leb}.
^c "Earthling man," M, *a-dam'*. ^d "Man," M, *ish*. ^e Or, "loyal love."

*Ro 8:31
Col 1:10
Heb 13:21
1Jo 3:22
kGe 33:4
Jer 35:11
nPs 37:16
Pr 15:16
1Ti 6:8
rPr 21:6
Jer 17:11
Mic 6:10
sPr 16:1
tPs 37:23
Pr 19:21
Jer 10:23
uDe 17:18
2Sa 23:2
Ps 45:7
Ps 72:1
QIsa 40:2
vAm 5:7
yLe 19:36
Pr 11:1
zDe 25:13
Pr 20:10
Mic 6:11
QIsa 6:1
*De 25:16
Pr 28:9
Lu 12:48
QPs 99:4
Pr 25:5
Pr 29:14
Re 19:11
APs 101:6
Pr 14:35
QPr 22:11
*2Kl 6:32
Ec 10:4
Ac 12:20
*Job 29:24
Ps 4:6
Ac 2:28
*Job 29:23
Ps 72:6
Ho 6:3
Zec 10:1
kJob 28:13
Ps 119:127
Pr 8:10
Ec 7:12
nPr 4:7
Lu 12:21
rPr 4:27
Ac 10:35
sPr 10:9
Heb 10:39
tPr 11:2
Mt 26:33
uEs 3:5

of a man^{*} he causes even his enemies themselves to be at peace with him.^k

8 Better is a little with righteousnessⁿ than an abundance of products without justice.^{ar}

9 The heart of earthling man may think out his way,^s but Jehovah himself does the directing of his steps.^t

10 Inspired decision should be upon the lips of a king;^u in judgment his mouth should not prove unfaithful.^v

11 The just indicator and scales belong to Jehovah;^y all the stone-weights of the bag are his work.^z

12 The doing of wickedness is something detestable to kings,^{*} for by righteousness is the throne^z firmly established.^z

13 The lips of righteousness are a pleasure to a grand king,^{ba} and the speaker of upright things he loves.^z

14 The rage of a king means messengers of death,^{*} but the wise man is one that averts^c it.^z

15 In the light of the king's face there is life,^{*} and his good will is like the cloud of spring rain.^z

16 The getting of wisdom is O how much better than gold!^k and the getting of understanding is to be chosen more than silver.ⁿ

17 The highway of the upright ones is to turn away from bad.^r One who is safeguarding his way is keeping his soul.^s

18 Pride is before a crash,^t and a haughty spirit^d before stumbling.^u

19 Better is it to be lowly in spirit with the

^a Or, "judgment." ^b "A grand king." Literally, "kings" (as in verse 12), in the plural number of majesty. ^c Or, more literally, "covers." ^d Literally, "height (haughtiness) of spirit," M.

meek^a ones^v than to divide spoil with the self-exalted ones.^v

20 He that is showing insight in a matter will find good,^z and happy is he that is trusting in Jehovah.^{*}

21 The one that is wise in heart will be called understanding,^o and he that is sweet in [his] lips adds persuasiveness.^Δ

22 To its owners insight is a well of life,ⁱ and the discipline of the foolish ones is foolishness.^{*}

23 The heart of the wise one causes his mouth to show insight,^e and to his lips it adds persuasiveness.^{*}

24 Pleasant sayings are a honeycomb,^{*} sweet to the soul and a healing to the bones.^k

25 There exists a way that is upright before a man,ⁿ but the ways of death are the end of it afterward.^r

26 The soul^b of the toiler has toiled hard for him,^s because his mouth has pressed him hard.^t

27 A good-for-nothing man^e is digging up what is bad,^u and upon his lips there is, as it were, a scorching fire.^v

28 A man of intrigues keeps sending forth strife,^v and a slanderer is separating those familiar with one another.^z

29 A man of violence will seduce his fellow,^{*} and certainly causes him to go in a way that is not good.^o

30 He is blinking with his eyes to scheme up intrigues.^Δ Pinching his lips together, he certainly brings mischief to completion.

31 Gray-headedness is a crown of beauty^{*} when it is found in the way of righteousness.^o

^a "Meek," marginal reading of M; "afflicted," M. ^b Or, "soulful desire." ^c Literally, "A man [Hebrew, *ish*] of Be'lial," M.

32 He that is slow to anger is better than a mighty man,^{*} and he that is controlling his spirit than the one capturing a city.^{*}

33 Into the lap the lot is cast down,^k but every decision by it is from Jehovah.ⁿ

17 Better is a dry piece of bread with which there is quietness^r than a house full of the sacrifices of contention.^s

2 A servant that is showing insight will rule over the son who is acting shamefully,^t and in among the brothers he will have a share of the possession.

3 The refining^a pot is for silver and the furnace for gold,^v but Jehovah^o is the examiner of hearts.^v

4 The evildoer is paying attention to the lip of hurtfulness.^z A falsifier^b is giving ear to the ruinous tongue.^{*}

5 He that is holding the one of little means in derision has reproached his Maker.^o He that is joyful at [another's] disaster will not be free from punishment.^Δ

6 The crown of old men is the grandsons,^o and the beauty of sons is their fathers.^{*}

7 For anyone senseless the lip of uprightness is not fitting.^o How much less so for a noble the lip of falsehood!^{*}

8 The gift is a stone^o winning favor in the eyes of its grand owner.^c Everywhere that he turns he has success.^k

9 The one covering over transgression is seeking love,ⁿ and he that keeps talking about

*Ps 103:8
Isa 57:15
yEx 15:9
zGe 41:39
Pr 13:15
Mt 10:16
*1Ch 5:20
Ps 34:8
Pr 22:19
1Ti 4:10
oIKI 3:12
Pr 10:8
Ro 16:19
ΔPr 15:7
Ec 12:10
Lu 4:22
Joh 7:46
oPr 15:24
Joh 6:68
*Pr 15:28
Mt 23:17
oPs 37:30
Pr 14:35
Pr 22:17
Mt 12:35
*Pr 1:5
Col 3:16
De 32:2
Pr 15:26
Pr 23:16
kPs 19:10
Ps 119:103
Pr 3:8
Pr 4:22
nJoh 7:48
Joh 9:40
Ac 28:9
rPr 12:26
Pr 14:12
sPr 14:23
1Th 4:11
tPr 10:3
Ec 6:7
o1Sa 25:17
2Sa 20:1
vPs 52:4
Hab 2:13
Jas 3:6
yPr 6:14
1Ti 6:4
Jas 3:15
zGe 3:1
1Sa 24:9
Pr 18:8
2Co 12:20
*1Sa 19:11
2Pe 3:17
oNe 6:13
ΔPr 6:13
*Le 19:32
Job 32:6
oGe 47:7
1Sa 12:2

^a More literally, "melting," M. ^b Literally, "Falsehood," M. ^c "Grand owner." Literally, "owners," M; in the plural number of greatness or grandeur. See Gesenius' *Hebrew Grammar* (1949), § 124i.

a matter is separating those familiar with one another.^r

10 A rebuke works deeper in one having understanding than striking a stupid one a hundred times.^s

11 Only rebellion is what the bad one keeps seeking,^t and cruel is the messenger that is sent against him.^u

12 Let there be an encountering by a man of a bear bereaved of its cubs^v rather than anyone stupid in his foolishness.^v

13 As for anyone repaying bad for good,^z bad will not move away from his house.^z

14 The beginning of strife is as one letting out waters;^z so before the contention has burst forth, take your leave.^a

15 Anyone pronouncing the wicked one righteous and anyone pronouncing the righteous one wicked^b—even both of them are something detestable to Jehovah.^c

16 Why is it that there is in the hand of a stupid one the price to acquire wisdom,^d when he has no heart?^a

17 A true companion is loving all the time^e and is a brother that is born for when there is distress.^{bk}

18 A man^e that is wanting in heart^a shakes hands,^{an} pledging himself with a security before his companion.^r

19 Anyone loving transgression is loving a struggle.^s Anyone making his entryway high is seeking a crash.^t

20 He that is crooked at heart will not find

^a Or, "good motive." M, *leb*. ^b Or, "and a brother himself is born even for when there is distress." ^c "Man." M, *a-dam*. ^d Literally, "is striking the hand (palm)," M.

uPs 18:28
sPs 141:5
Pr 9:8
Pr 13:1
Pr 15:5
Pr 27:22
Re 3:19
t2Sa 15:12
2Sa 20:1
u2Sa 16:9
2Sa 18:15
2Sa 20:22
1Ki 2:24
1Ki 2:46
Mt 21:41
Lu 19:27
v2Sa 17:8
2Ki 2:24
Pr 28:15
Ho 13:8
yPr 27:3
z1Sa 24:17
Ps 35:12
Ps 38:20
Jer 18:20
*1Sa 31:3
2Sa 21:1
Mt 27:5
o2Sa 20:1
Pr 28:21
*Ge 13:9
Pr 14:29
Mt 5:39
Ro 12:18
*Ex 23:7
1Ki 21:13
Isa 5:23
Lu 23:18
Jas 5:6
*Pr 6:16
Pr 15:8
*Pr 1:22
Isa 55:2
Ac 13:46
*Pr 7:7
Pr 9:4
Pr 24:30
*1Sa 18:3
2Sa 1:26
Pr 18:24
Joh 15:13
kRu 1:16
1Sa 19:2
nPr 6:1
Pr 22:26
rPr 11:15
Pr 20:16
sPr 29:9
2Co 12:20
Jas 3:14
t2Sa 15:1

uPs 18:26
Pr 3:32
Pr 6:14
vPr 10:31
Pr 18:6
Ec 10:12
Jas 3:6
yGe 26:35
1Sa 2:34
1Sa 8:3
2Sa 18:33
Pr 10:1
zPr 19:13
3Jo 4
*Isa 33:15
*Pr 12:25
Pr 15:13
Ec 9:7
Tit 1:9
oPs 22:15
Ps 32:3
Pr 18:14
2Co 2:7
2Co 7:10
*Ex 23:8
De 16:19
1Sa 8:3
Isa 1:23
Mr 14:10
*Pr 14:6
Pr 15:14
Ec 2:14
*Ps 119:37
Pr 23:5
1Jo 2:16
*2Sa 13:21
*Pr 10:1
Pr 15:20
*Ge 18:25
Pr 18:5
k2Sa 3:28
2Sa 16:7
Job 34:18
nPr 10:19
Pr 15:28
Jas 1:19
rPr 10:23
Ec 9:17
Jas 3:18
sJob 13:5
tPr 15:2
uZec 7:3
Ro 14:7
vJob 12:16
Pr 2:7
yJob 12:12
Pr 2:11
Pr 28:16
Mt 8:34
*1Sa 20:30
Ne 4:4
Ps 123:4
Pr 11:2
oPs 69:3

good,^u and he that is turned around in his tongue will fall into calamity.^v

21 Anyone becoming father to a stupid child—it is a grief to him;^v and the father of a senseless child does not rejoice.^z

22 A heart that is joyful does good as a curer,^a but a spirit that is stricken makes the bones dry.^z

23 One who is wicked will take even a bribe^z from the bosom to bend the paths of judgment.^a

24 Wisdom is before the face of the understanding one,^d but the eyes of the stupid one are at the extremity of the earth.⁺

25 A stupid son is a vexation to his father^u and a bitterness to her that gave him birth.⁺

26 Furthermore, the laying of a fine upon the righteous one is not good.⁺ To strike nobles is against what is upright.^k

27 Anyone holding back his sayings is possessed of knowledge,ⁿ and a man of discernment is cool of spirit.^r

28 Even anyone foolish, when keeping silent, will be regarded as wise;^s anyone closing up his own lips, as understanding.^t

18 One isolating himself will seek his own selfish longing;^u against all practical wisdom he will break forth.^v

2 Anyone stupid finds no delight in discernment,^y except that his heart should uncover itself.

3 When a wicked one comes in, contempt also must come in;⁺ and along with dishonor there is reproach.^z

4 The words of a man's mouth are deep wa-

^a Or, by a correction of M, "does good to the body."

ters.^a The well of wisdom is a torrent bubbling forth.^o

5 The showing of partiality to the wicked one is not good,^o nor the turning aside of the righteous one in judgment.^o

6 The lips of one who is stupid enter into contention,^o and his very mouth calls even for strokes.^o

7 The mouth of the stupid one is the ruin of him,^k and his lips are a snare for his soul.ⁿ

8 The words of the slanderer are like things to be swallowed greedily,^r which do go down into the innermost parts of the belly.^s

9 Also the one showing himself slack in his work^{ot}—he is a brother^o to the one causing ruin.^{au}

10 The name^c of Jehovah^o is a strong tower.^v Into it the righteous runs and is given protection.^{by}

11 The valuable things of the rich are his strong town,^z and they are like a protective wall in his imagination.^{*}

12 Before a crash the heart of a man^e is lofty,^q and before glory there is humility.^a

13 When anyone is replying to a matter before he hears [it],^o that is foolishness on his part and a humiliation.^{*}

14 The spirit of a man^e can put up with his disease,^e but as for a stricken spirit, who can bear it?^o

15 The heart of the understanding one acquires knowledge,^{*} and the ear of wise ones seeks to find knowledge.^{ok}

4Pr 10:11
Pr 16:22
Mt 12:34
Ps 78:2
Joh 4:14
Le 19:15
De 1:17
Pr 24:23
1KI 21:9
Isa 5:23
Mic 7:3
Pr 14:16
Pr 16:27
Pr 14:3
kPr 10:8
Ec 10:12
nIsa 14:24
Pr 6:2
Mr 6:23
Ac 23:14
rLe 19:16
sPr 26:22
tPr 10:4
Mt 25:26
Ro 12:11
Heb 6:12
oPr 24:27
oIsa 9:19
uLu 15:13
Lu 16:1
oIsa 4:1
oIsa 24:15
vEx 3:15
Ex 34:6
Isa 57:15
y2Sa 22:3
Ps 18:2
Ps 61:3
Ps 91:4
zDe 32:31
Ps 49:6
Pr 10:15
Lu 7:32
Lu 12:49
oPr 11:2
Da 5:23
Ac 12:21
4Pr 15:33
Lu 14:11
1Pe 5:5
oDe 13:14
Job 29:16
Es 3:10
Da 6:9
oJob 1:21
2Co 12:10
Pr 17:22
2Co 2:7
1KI 3:9
Pr 15:14
oEc 9:10
kPr 2:5
Pr 9:9

nGe 32:20
Pr 17:8
Pr 19:6
rGe 43:11
Pr 21:14
uJos 14:2
1Sa 10:21
1Ch 6:63
Ne 11:1
Pr 16:33
v1Sa 14:42
vGe 27:41
2Sa 13:22
1KI 2:23
zAc 15:39
Pr 12:14
Pr 13:2
oPr 22:18
4Pr 10:31
Pr 11:30
Mt 12:35
Eph 4:29
Tit 1:10
Jas 3:6
2Pe 2:18
oPr 10:19
Ec 10:12
Isa 57:19
Col 4:6
Heb 13:15
Ge 24:67
Pr 12:4
Pr 31:10
Ec 9:9
1Co 7:2
oGe 29:20
Pr 19:14
Pr 12:2
Ru 2:7
1Sa 2:36
2KI 4:1
Jas 5:4
kGe 42:7
Ex 5:2
1Sa 25:10
nMt 26:49
r1Sa 19:4
2Sa 9:1
Joh 15:14
sPs 37:28
Pr 12:26
Jas 2:5
t1Sa 25:17
1Sa 25:25
Mt 12:36
uPr 10:21
Ho 4:6
Joh 16:3
Ro 10:2
vJob 31:5

16 A man's^a gift will make a large opening for him,ⁿ and it will lead him even before great people.^r

17 The one first in his legal case is righteous; his fellow comes in and certainly searches him through.

18 The lot puts even contentions to rest^u and it separates even the mighty from one another.^v

19 A brother transgressed against is more than a strong town,^y and there are contentions that are like the bar of a dwelling tower.^z

20 From the fruitage of a man's^b mouth his belly will get its fill;^{*} he will get his fill even of the produce of his lips.^q

21 Death and life are in the power^c of the tongue,^a and he that is loving it will eat its fruitage.^o

22 Has one found a [good]^d wife?^{*} One has found a good thing^e and one gets good will from Jehovah.^{*}

23 Entreaties the one of little means speaks out,^{*} but one that is rich answers in a strong way.^k

24 There exist^e companions disposed to break one another to pieces,ⁿ but there exists a friend sticking closer than a brother.^r

19 Anyone of little means who is walking in his integrity is better^s than the one crooked in his lips^t and the one that is stupid.^t

2 Also, that the soul should be without knowledge is not good,^u and he that is hastening with his feet is sinning.^{gv}

^a M, a-dam'. ^b M, ish. ^c Literally, "hand." M, yad. ^d "Good," LXXVgSy and a Hebrew manuscript. ^e "There exist," in agreement with SyT; "A man," M. ^f "Lips," MVg; "ways," SyT and about 50 Hebrew manuscripts. ^g Or, "missing the mark."

^a Literally, "to the lord of ruin," M. ^b Literally, "is put that is, out of reach so as to be safe." ^c "Man," M, ish.

3 It is the foolishness of an earthling man that distorts his way,^y and so his heart becomes enraged against Jehovah himself.^z

4 Wealth is what adds many companions,^{*} but one that is lowly gets separated even from his companion.[□]

5 A false witness will not be free from punishment,^a and he that launches forth lies will not escape.

6 Many are those who soften the face of a noble,⁺ and everybody is a companion to the man making a gift.^o

7 The brothers of one of little means have all hated him.^{*} How much farther have his personal friends kept away from him!^{*} He is pursuing with things to say; they are not.^k

8 He that is acquiring heart^a is loving his own soul.ⁿ He that is guarding discernment^o is going to find good.^r

9 The false witness will not be free from punishment,^s and he that launches forth lies will perish.^t

10 Luxury is not fitting for anyone stupid.^u How much less for a servant to rule over princes!^v

11 The insight of a man^b certainly slows down his anger,^y and it is beauty on his part to pass over transgression.^z

12 The raging of a king^o is a growling like that of a maned young lion,^{*} but his good will is like the dew upon the vegetation.[□]

13 A stupid son is the ruination of his father,^a and the contentions of a wife are as a leaking roof that drives one away.^o

14 The inheritance from fathers is a house and

y1Sa 13:13
1Kl 20:42
Ac 13:45
zNu 16:19
Re 16:9
*Pr 14:20
□Job 6:15
Job 19:13
Pr 10:15
△Ex 23:1
De 19:16
Pr 21:28
+Ge 42:6
Pr 16:15
*Pr 18:16
*Ps 38:11
Pr 14:20
Jas 2:6
*Pr 21:13
kPr 18:23
Jas 2:16
1Jo 3:17
nPr 8:35
1Pe 3:10
rPr 3:21
Pr 4:4
Joh 14:21
□Isa 40:14
sPr 19:5
tJer 23:25
Eze 13:22
2Th 2:10
1Ti 4:2
2Pe 2:3
Re 21:8
u1Sa 25:36
Pr 30:22
v2Sa 3:24
2Sa 3:39
Ec 10:7
Isa 3:5
yPr 14:29
Pr 15:18
Pr 16:32
Jas 1:19
zGe 50:20
Mt 18:22
□Pr 22:11
*Es 7:8
Pr 16:14
Pr 20:2
Da 2:12
Mt 25:41
□Isa 37:27
□Ps 72:6
Ho 14:5
△2Sa 16:22
Pr 17:21
□Pr 21:9
Pr 27:15

□Isa 54:6
+De 21:16
2Co 12:14
*Ge 24:7
Pr 18:22
*Pr 6:9
Pr 20:13
Isa 56:10
Ro 13:11
*Pr 10:4
2Th 3:10
kPr 16:17
Lu 10:28
1Jo 2:3
nPr 13:13
Pr 15:32
□Isa 1:4
rDe 15:7
Pr 14:21
sPr 11:24
Pr 28:27
Mt 10:41
Heb 6:10
tPr 13:24
Pr 23:13
Pr 29:15
Heb 12:7
□Pr 27:9
v1Sa 20:30
1Sa 22:7
2Sa 16:5
v1Sa 24:17
1Sa 26:21
1Kl 2:36
1Kl 2:42
zPr 1:8
Pr 8:10
Jer 17:23
Zep 3:7
*De 8:16
De 32:29
Ps 90:12
□Ps 9:25
□Ps 21:11
△Ge 50:20
Pr 21:30
Ac 4:28
Ac 5:39
1Pe 2:8
1Ch 29:17
*Lu 18:13
□Ps 33:18
Ac 9:31
*Mt 5:6
*Pr 12:21
2Ti 4:18
kPr 6:9
Pr 15:19
nPr 12:27
rDe 13:10
De 21:21
sPr 9:9
Pr 15:5

wealth,⁺ but a discreet wife^o is from Jehovah.^o
15 Laziness causes a deep sleep to fall,^{*} and a slack soul goes hungry.^{*}

16 He that is keeping the commandment is keeping his soul;^k he that is despising his ways will be put to death.ⁿ

17 He that is showing favor to the lowly one is lending to Jehovah,^r and his treatment he will repay to him.^s

18 Chastise your son^o while there exists hope,^t and to the putting of him to death do not lift up your soul.^a

19 He that is of great rage will be bearing the fine,^y for if you would deliver [him], you will also keep doing it again and again.^y

20 Listen to counsel^o and accept discipline,^z in order that you may become wise in your future.^{*}

21 Many are the plans in the heart of a man,^{b□} but the counsel of Jehovah is what will stand.^a

22 The desirable thing in earthling man^c is his loving-kindness;^o and one of little means is better than a lying man.^{b*}

23 The fear of Jehovah tends toward life,^o and one will spend the night satisfied;^{*} one will not be visited with what is bad.^{*}

24 The lazy one has hidden his hand in the banquet bowl;^k he cannot bring it back even to his own mouth.ⁿ

25 The ridiculer you should strike, that the inexperienced one may become shrewd;^r and there should be a reproving of the understanding one, that he may discern knowledge.^s

26 He that is maltreating a father [and] that

^a Or, "good motive." M, *leb*. ^b "Man." M, *a-dam*.

^a Or, "soulful desire." ^b "Man." M, *ish*. ^c "Earthling man." M, *a-dam*.

chases a mother away^t is a son acting shamefully and disgracefully.^u

27 Cease, my son, to listen to discipline [and it will mean] to stray from the sayings of knowledge.

28 A good-for-nothing witness^a derides justice,^v and the very mouth of wicked people swallows down what is hurtful.^z

29 Judgments have been firmly established for ridiculers,^{*} and strokes for the back of stupid ones.[□]

20 Wine is a ridiculer,^Δ intoxicating liquor is boisterous, and everyone going astray by it is not wise.^{*}

2 The frightfulness of a king is a growling like that of a maned young lion.[°] Anyone drawing his fury against himself is sinning against his own soul.^{*}

3 It is a glory for a man to desist from strife,[†] but everyone foolish will burst out [in it].^k

4 After harvesttime[°] the lazy one will not plow;ⁿ he will be begging in reaping time, but there will be nothing.^r

5 Counsel in the heart of a man is as deep waters,^{°s} but the man of discernment is one that will draw it up.^t

6 A multitude of men^b will proclaim each one his own loving-kindness,^{cu} but a faithful man^d who can find?^v

7 The righteous is walking in his integrity.^v Happy are his sons after him.^z

8 The king is sitting upon the throne of judgment,^e scattering all badness with his own eyes.

^a Literally, "A witness of Be'li-al." M. ^b "Men." M, a-dam'. ^c Or, "loyal love." ^d "Man." M, ish. ^e M, din.

tDe 21:18
Pr 10:1
Pr 17:25
Pr 30:11
Lu 15:12
2Ti 3:2
uPr 10:5
Pr 17:2
Pr 28:7
y1Ki 21:10
Isa 28:15
Ac 6:11
zPr 15:14
Ho 4:8
*Pr 3:34
Pr 9:12
Isa 28:22
Ac 13:41
2Pe 3:3
□Pr 7:22
Pr 10:13
Pr 26:3
AGe 9:21
Pr 23:32
-Isa 25:36
1Ki 20:16
1Co 6:10
Ga 5:21
*Pr 16:14
Pr 19:12
Ec 10:4
-1Ki 2:23
Pr 8:36
*Pr 14:29
Eph 4:32
kPr 14:17
Pr 18:6
Jas 4:1
*Pr 25:13
nPr 19:15
rPr 6:11
Pr 24:34
sPr 18:4
tPr 2:6
uPr 27:2
Mt 6:2
*Pr 30:4
vPs 12:1
Ec 7:28
Jer 5:1
Mic 7:2
Lu 18:8
yJob 1:1
Ps 26:1
Pr 14:2
Pr 19:1
Lu 1:6
zGe 17:7
Ps 37:26
Ac 2:39
*2Sa 23:3
Ps 72:4
Pr 16:12

9 Who can say: "I have cleansed my heart; I have become pure from my sin"?[□]

10 Two sorts of weights and two sorts of e'phah measures^Δ—they are both of them together something detestable to Jehovah.[°]

11 Even by his practices a boy makes himself recognized as to whether his activity is pure and upright.^{*}

12 The hearing ear and the seeing eye—Jehovah himself has made even both of them.[°]

13 Do not love sleep, that you may not come to poverty.^{*} Open your eyes; be satisfied with bread.[†]

14 "It is bad, bad!" says the buyer, and he is going his way.^k Then it is that he boasts about himself.ⁿ

15 There exists gold, also an abundance of corals, but the lips of knowledge are precious vessels.^r

16 Take one's garment, in case one has gone surety for a stranger;^s and in the instance of a foreign woman, seize it as a pledge.^t

17 Bread[°] got through falsehood is pleasurable to a man,^u but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.^v

18 By counsel plans themselves are firmly established,^v and by skillful direction carry on your war.^z

19 He that is going about as a slanderer is uncovering confidential talk;^{*} and with one that is enticed^a with his lips you must have no fellowship.[□]

20 As for anyone calling down evil upon his father and his mother,^{ca} his lamp will be extinguished at the approach of darkness.[°]

□1Ki 8:46
Job 14:4
Ps 51:5
Ec 7:20
Jas 3:2
ΔLe 19:35
De 25:13
Pr 11:1
Pr 16:11
Am 8:5
Mic 6:11
ΔDe 7:25
Re 21:8
*Ps 58:3
Pr 22:15
Mt 7:16
*Ex 4:11
Ps 94:9
Ac 26:18
Eph 1:18
*Pr 6:9
*Pr 12:11
Ro 13:11
1Co 15:34
Eph 5:14
kHo 12:7
nJas 4:13
rPr 3:15
Ec 8:11
Ec 12:9
Ro 10:15
Eph 4:29
Heb 13:15
sEx 22:26
Pr 11:15
tPr 2:16
Pr 5:3
Pr 7:5
*Pr 28:19
uGe 3:6
Job 20:12
Pr 4:17
Pr 9:17
Ec 11:9
vLa 3:16
yPr 15:22
Pr 24:6
zJg 1:1
1Sa 18:14
2Sa 2:26
Lu 14:31
*Le 19:16
Pr 11:13
Pr 18:8
□Pr 16:29
Ro 16:18
ΔEx 20:12
Ex 21:17
Le 20:9
De 27:16
2Ti 3:2
cIsa 8:4
*Job 18:5
Pr 13:9

^a Or, by another derivation, "is wide open."

21 An inheritance is being got by greed^a at first,^{*} but its own future will not be blessed.[®]

22 Do not say: "I will pay back evil!"[™] Hope in Jehovah and he will save you.^{*}

23 Two sorts of weights are something detestable to Jehovah, and a cheating pair of scales is not good.^k

24 From Jehovah are the steppings of an able-bodied man.ⁿ As regards earthling man, how can he discern his way?^r

25 It is a snare when earthling man has rashly cried out, "Holy!"^s and after vows [he is disposed] to make examination.^t

26 A wise king is scattering wicked people,^u and he turns around upon them a wheel.^{b,v}

27 The breath^{co} of earthling man is the lamp of Jehovah,^y carefully searching all the innermost parts of the belly.^z

28 Loving-kindness^d and trueness^e—they safeguard the king,^{*} and by loving-kindness^d he has sustained his throne.^q

29 The beauty of young men is their power,^a and the splendor of old men is their gray-headedness.^q

30 Bruising wounds are what scours away the bad;^{*} and strokes, the innermost parts of the belly.[®]

21 A king's heart is as streams of water in the hand of Jehovah.^{*} Everywhere that he delights to, he turns it.^{*}

2 Every way^{co} of a man is upright in his own eyes,^k but Jehovah is estimating hearts.ⁿ

^a "Got by greed," M; "got hastily," in agreement with VgSyT.
^b "A wheel," M; "their own hurtfulness," by a slight correction of M. ^c "Breath," M, *n'sha-mah*, as in Genesis 2:7. ^d Or, "loyal love."
^e Or, "truth," M, *em-eth*.

*Pr 23:4
Pr 28:20
1Ti 6:9
*Job 27:17
Pr 13:22
Pr 28:8
Hab 2:6
*De 32:35
Pr 17:13
Pr 24:29
Ro 12:17
1Th 5:15
1Pe 3:9
*2Sa 16:12
Ps 27:14
1Pe 4:19
kPr 20:10
nPs 37:23
Jer 10:23
Ac 17:28
rPs 25:12
Pr 14:8
Pr 16:9
sLe 27:30
Mal 3:8
Mr 7:11
*Isa 28:27
*Isa 2:22
tLe 27:9
Le 27:31
Nu 30:2
Ec 5:4
Mt 5:33
u2Sa 4:10
Ps 101:8
Pr 20:8
v2Sa 12:31
yGe 2:7
Job 32:8
*Heb 4:12
*Ps 61:7
Ps 101:1
Pr 16:6
*Ps 21:7
Isa 16:5
*1Ti 4:8
1Jo 2:14
*Le 19:32
Pr 16:31
*Ps 119:71
*Heb 12:11
*Ezr 7:27
Ps 105:25
*Isa 44:28
Re 17:17
kPs 36:2
Pr 16:2
*Isa 2:3
n1Sa 16:7
Pr 24:12

r1Sa 15:22
Ho 6:6
Mr 12:33
sPs 10:4
Pr 6:17
Pr 30:13
Lu 18:34
1Pe 5:5
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uPr 13:4
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1Th 4:11
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*Ec 9:3
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*Ps 36:4
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kDe 13:11
Pr 19:25
Ac 5:5
nPr 9:9
rJob 27:13
Ps 37:35
Ho 14:9
sGe 19:29
Pr 13:6
Pr 14:32
tDe 15:9
Pr 28:27
uPs 18:41
Pr 1:28

3 To carry on righteousness and judgment is more preferable to Jehovah than sacrifice.^r

4 Haughty eyes and an arrogant heart,^s the lamp of the wicked ones, are sin.^{at}

5 The plans of the diligent one surely make for advantage,^u but everyone that is hasty surely heads for want.^v

6 The getting of treasures by a false tongue is an exhalation driven away,^y in the case of those seeking death.^z

7 The very violence of the wicked will drag them away,^{*} for they have refused to do justice.^q

8 A man, even a stranger, is crooked in [his] way,^{b,a} but the pure one is upright in his activity.^q

9 Better is it to dwell upon a corner of a roof^{*} than with a contentious wife, although in a house in common.^e

10 The very soul of the wicked one has craved what is bad;^{*} his fellow will be shown no favor in his eyes.^{*}

11 By the putting of a fine on the ridiculer the inexperienced becomes wise;^k and by one's giving insight to a wise person he gets knowledge.^{cn}

12 The Righteous One is giving consideration to the house^d of the wicked one,^r subverting the wicked ones to [their] calamity.^s

13 As for anyone stopping up his ear from the complaining cry of the lowly one,^t he himself also will call and not be answered.^u

^a Or, "are [more preferable to them than] a sin offering." ^b Or, "The way of a man, even a stranger, is crooked"; or, "The way of a man is crooked and strange." ^c Or, "and by acting with discretion the wise one gets knowledge," in agreement with T. ^d Or, "is acting discreetly toward the house."

14 A gift made in secrecy subdues anger;^v and a bribe in the bosom, strong rage.^y

15 It is a rejoicing for the righteous one to do justice,^z but there is something terrible for those practicing what is hurtful.*

16 As for a man^a wandering from the way of insight,^q he will rest in the very congregation^o of those impotent in death.^b

17 He that is loving merriment will be an individual in want;^q he that is loving wine and oil will not gain riches.*

18 The wicked is a ransom^o for the righteous one,^o and the one dealing treacherously takes the place of the upright ones.*

19 Better is it to dwell in a wilderness land than with a contentious wife along with vexation.*

20 Desirable^o treasure and oil are in the abode of the wise one,^k but the man^a that is stupid will swallow it up.ⁿ

21 He that is pursuing righteousness^r and loving-kindness^c will find life, righteousness and glory.^s

22 A wise one has scaled even the city of mighty men, that he might bring down the strength of its confidence.^t

23 He that is keeping his mouth and his tongue is keeping his soul from distresses.^u

24 Presumptuous, self-assuming braggart is the name of the one who is acting in an outburst of presumptuousness.^v

25 The very craving of the lazy will put him to death, for his hands have refused to work.^y

26 All the day he has shown himself eagerly

vGe 32:20
1Sa 25:35
Pr 17:8
Pr 18:16
yMt 6:3
zJob 29:12
Ps 40:8
Ec 3:12
Ro 7:22
*Pr 10:29
Mt 7:23
Lu 13:27
qJer 31:8
oPs 125:5
Zep 1:6
Joh 3:19
Heb 6:4
2Pe 2:21
dPr 2:19
Pr 9:18
Eph 2:1
eIsa 43:3
dLu 15:13
1Ti 5:6
2Ti 3:4
*Pr 23:21
oPr 11:8
Isa 43:4
*Es 7:10
*Jer 9:2
oDa 11:8
kPs 112:3
Pr 10:22
Pr 15:6
Ec 5:19
Lu 6:45
nMt 25:3
Lu 15:14
rPr 15:9
Isa 51:1
Mt 5:6
Heb 12:14
sPr 22:4
Ro 2:7
1Co 15:58
2Ti 4:8
t2Sa 20:16
Ec 7:19
Ec 9:15
uPr 10:19
Pr 12:13
Pr 13:3
Jas 1:26
Jas 3:6
vEs 3:5
Pr 6:17
Pr 16:18
Ec 7:9
Jas 4:16
yPr 6:6
Pr 13:4
Pr 19:24

craving, but the righteous one gives and holds nothing back.*

27 The sacrifice of the wicked ones is something detestable.^q How much more so when he brings it with a [wicked] design!^a

28 A lying witness^o will perish,^q but the man that is listening will speak even forever.*

29 A wicked man has put on a bold face,^o but the upright is the one that will firmly establish his ways.*

30 There is no wisdom, nor any discernment, nor any counsel in opposition to Jehovah.*

31 The horse^o is something prepared for the day of battle,^k but salvation belongs to Jehovah.ⁿ

22 A name^a is to be chosen rather than abundant riches;^r favor^o is better than even silver and gold.^s

2 The rich one and the one of little means have met each other.^t The Maker of them all is Jehovah.^u

3 Shrewd is the one that has seen the calamity and proceeds to conceal himself,^v but the inexperienced have passed along and must suffer the penalty.^y

4 The result of humility [and] the fear of Jehovah is riches and glory and life.^z

5 Thorns [and] traps are in the way of the crooked one;^q he that is guarding his soul keeps far away from them.^q

6 Train up a boy according to^b the way for him,^a even when he grows old he will not turn aside from it.^q

7 The rich is the one that rules over those of

*Ps 37:26
Ps 112:9
Lu 6:30
2Co 8:9
uIsa 15:22
Ps 50:8
Pr 15:8
Isa 1:11
Jer 6:20
eIsa 8:2
dIsa 13:12
Mt 23:14
dEx 23:1
De 19:16
Pr 6:19
Pr 19:5
*Pr 12:19
Tlt 3:8
ePr 28:14
Jer 3:3
*Pr 11:5
1Th 3:11
cIsa 2:7
*Pr 19:21
Pr 24:3
Ac 5:39
1Pe 2:8
kPs 20:7
Isa 31:1
eJer 31:2
nPs 3:8
Ps 68:20
Re 7:10
r1Ki 1:47
Ec 7:1
Php 4:3
sAc 7:10
t1Sa 2:7
Ps 49:2
Pr 29:13
uJob 31:15
Job 34:19
Pr 14:31
vEx 9:20
Pr 14:16
Pr 27:12
1Th 5:4
yPr 7:7
Pr 29:1
zPs 34:9
Pr 21:21
Isa 33:6
Jas 4:10
*Jos 23:13
Ps 11:6
Pr 15:19
ePs 91:1
Pr 13:3
dGe 18:19
De 6:7
d1Sa 1:28
1Sa 2:26

^a "Man." M, *a.dam*. ^b "Those impotent in death." M, *r'pha-im*; LXXVg, "giants"; SyT, "the sons of earth." ^c Or, "loyal love."

^a "A name," MSy; "A good name," LXXVgT. ^b Literally, "at the mouth (opening) of," M.

little means,* and the borrower is servant to the man doing the lending.^o

8 He that is sowing unrighteousness will reap what is hurtful,* but the very rod of his fury will come to its end.^a

9 He that is kindly in eye will be blessed, for he has given of his food to the lowly one.^k

10 Drive away the ridiculer, that contention may go out and that legal contest and dishonor may cease.¹¹

11 The one loving purity of heart^{ar}—for the charm of his lips the king^o will be his companion.⁸

12 The eyes of Jehovah himself have safeguarded knowledge,^t but he subverts the words^b of the treacherous one.^u

13 The lazy one has said:^v "There is a lion outside!^y In the midst of the public squares I shall be murdered!"¹⁰

14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit.* The one denounced by Jehovah will fall into it.¹²

15 Foolishness is tied up with the heart^o of a boy;⁴ the rod of discipline is what will remove it far from him.^o

16 He that is defrauding the lowly one to supply many things to himself,* he also that is giving to the rich one, is surely destined for want.^o

17 Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise ones,* that you may apply your very heart to my knowledge.¹⁵ For it is pleasant that you should keep them in your innermost part,^k that they may be firmly established together upon your lips.ⁿ

^a LXX reads: "Jehovah loves pure hearts." SyT: "God loves the purehearted one." ^b Or, "affairs."

*Pr 18:23
Am 4:1
Jas 2:6
2Ki 4:1
Ne 5:4
Mt 18:25
Ho 8:7
Ga 6:7
Ps 125:3
Isa 9:4
kDe 15:7
Pr 11:25
Mt 20:15
Lu 6:35
Heb 6:10
nGe 21:9
rPs 101:6
Mt 5:8
Isa 32:1
Ge 41:39
Es 10:3
Pr 16:13
Da 3:30
2Ch 16:9
uAc 13:10
2Th 2:8
2Ti 3:8
vPr 15:19
vPr 26:13
*Pr 5:3
Ec 7:26
Isa 1:21
oPs 81:12
Job 14:4
Ps 51:5
Eph 2:3
Ec 5:2
Pr 13:24
Pr 19:15
Pr 23:13
Pr 29:15
Heb 12:10
*Ps 12:5
Pr 14:31
Mic 2:2
Lu 6:33
Lu 14:12
*Pr 5:1
Isa 55:3
Mt 17:5
*Ps 90:12
Pr 23:12
Ec 7:25
kPs 119:103
Pr 2:10
Joh 7:38
nPs 119:13
Pr 8:6
Mal 2:7
Heb 13:15

19 For your confidence to come to be in Jehovah himself I have given you knowledge today, even you.^{ar}

20 Have I not written you heretofore^b with counselings and knowledge,^a ²¹ to show you the truthfulness^c of true sayings, so as to return sayings that are the truth—to the one sending you forth?^t

22 Do not rob the lowly one because he is lowly,^u and do not crush the afflicted one in the gate.^v ²³ For Jehovah himself will plead their cause^y and he will certainly rob their robbers of soul.^{dz}

24 Do not have companionship with anyone given to anger,* and with a man having fits of rage you must not enter in,²⁵ that you may not get familiar with his paths and certainly take a snare for your soul.^a

26 Do not get to be among those striking hands,^o among those who go security for loans.* ²⁷ If you have nothing to pay, why should he take your bed from under you?^o

28 Do not move back a boundary^o of long ago, which your forefathers have made.¹

29 Have you beheld a man skillful in his work? Before kings is where he will station himself; he will not station himself before commonplace men.^k

23 In case you should sit down to feed yourself with a king, you should diligently consider what is before you,ⁿ ² and you must put a knife to your throat if you are the

rPs 62:8
Pr 3:5
Isa 12:2
1Pe 1:21
sPs 12:6
Pr 8:6
Ho 8:12
2Ti 3:15
2Pe 1:20
tLu 1:3
Joh 20:31
1Jo 5:13
uPr 23:10
Eze 22:29
vEx 23:6
Job 29:12
Zec 7:10
Mal 3:5
yIsa 24:12
Ps 12:5
Pr 23:11
Jer 50:34
Mic 7:9
zIsa 33:1
Hab 2:8
*1Co 15:33
2Co 6:14
oPr 29:22
4Ps 106:35
Pr 13:20
1Co 5:6
Pr 6:1
Pr 17:18
*Pr 11:15
Pr 27:13
2Ki 4:1
Pr 20:16
Isa 19:19
*De 19:14
De 27:17
Job 24:2
Pr 23:10
*Pr 10:4
Pr 12:24
Ec 9:10
Ro 12:11
2Ti 4:2
kLKI 11:28
Mt 25:21
nJude 12

^a Or, "caused you to know your paths today," by a slight correction of M, corresponding with LXX. ^b Or, "in thirty sections (parts)." The sense of M here is difficult. ^c M, *qōshit*; an Aramaic word. ^d Or, "life." M, *neph'esh*; LXX, *psy-chē*; Vg, *a'ni-ma*.

owner of soul[ful desire].^a ³ Do not show yourself craving his tasty dishes, as it is the food of lies.^s

4 Do not toil to gain riches.^t Cease from your own understanding.^u ⁵ Have you caused your eyes to glance at it, when it is nothing?^v For without fail it makes wings for itself like those of an eagle^o and flies away toward the heavens.^y

6 Do not feed yourself with the food of anyone of ungenerous eye,^b nor show yourself craving his tasty dishes.^{*} ⁷ For as one that has calculated within his soul, so he is.^o "Eat and drink," he says to you, but his heart itself is not with you.^a ⁸ Your morsel that you have eaten, you will vomit it out, and you will have wasted your pleasant words.^o

9 Into the ears of a stupid one do not speak,^{*} for he will despise your prudent words.^o

10 Do not move back the boundary of long ago,^{*} and into the field of fatherless^o boys do not enter.^h ¹¹ For their Redeemer^o is strong; he himself will plead their cause with you.^k

12 Do bring your heart to discipline and your ear to the sayings of knowledge.ⁿ

13 Do not hold back discipline from the mere boy.^r In case you beat him with the rod, he will not die.^s ¹⁴ With the rod you yourself should beat him, that you may deliver his very soul from She'ol^o itself.^t

15 My son, if your heart has become wise,^u my heart will rejoice, even mine.^v ¹⁶ And my kidneys^d will exult when your lips speak uprightness.^y

^a "Soul[ful desire]." M, *neph'esh*; literally, "soul." Vg, *a'ni-ma*.

^b Literally, "evil as to eye." M, *sh'el*; LXX, "death"; Vg, *infernus*; Sy, *shi-ul'*. ^d Or, "deepest emotions."

^rMt 18:8
ⁱCo 9:27
^pSa 141:4
^{Da} 1:8
^{Lu} 21:34
^tPr 28:20
^{Joh} 6:27
^{1Ti} 6:10
^uPr 3:5
^{Pr} 26:12
^{Isa} 5:21
^vPs 119:37
^{Jer} 22:17
^{1Jo} 2:16
^cPr 30:17
^yPr 27:24
^{Ec} 12:8
^{Isa} 55:2
^zDe 15:9
^{Pr} 22:9
^{Mt} 6:23
^pSa 141:4
^cPr 19:22
^{Mt} 5:28
^a2Sa 13:26
^{Ps} 12:2
^{Lu} 11:37
^o2Sa 13:28
^{Pr} 9:7
^{Pr} 26:4
^{Isa} 36:21
^{Ac} 13:46
^{Lu} 16:14
^{Joh} 10:20
^{Ac} 17:18
^{Isa} 1:17
^{Pr} 22:28
^{Isa} 41:14
^sJob 6:27
^{Ps} 94:6
^{Jer} 7:6
^{Jas} 1:27
^kEx 22:23
^{De} 27:19
^{Ps} 12:5
ⁿPr 2:2
^{Pr} 5:1
^{Mt} 13:52
^rPr 19:18
^{Pr} 29:17
^{Eph} 6:4
^{Ec} 9:10
^sPr 13:24
^{Pr} 29:15
^tPr 22:15
^{1Co} 4:21
^uPr 2:2
^{Pr} 4:1
^vPr 10:1
^yPr 8:6
^{Eph} 4:29

^oIsa 1:28
^zPs 37:1
^{Ps} 73:3
^{Pr} 3:31
^{Pr} 24:1
^pSa 111:10
^{Pr} 15:16
^{Ac} 9:31
^{2Co} 7:1
^{1Pe} 1:17
^oPs 37:37
^{Ro} 6:22
^pSa 9:18
^{Pr} 24:14
^{Php} 1:20
^{Pr} 4:21
^{Pr} 20:1
^{Isa} 5:11
^oPr 28:7
^{Tit} 1:12
^{De} 21:20
^{Pr} 21:17
^{Ga} 5:21
^oIsa 10:20
^{Pr} 19:15
^{Pr} 24:34
^kDe 27:16
^{Pr} 1:8
^{Eph} 6:2
ⁿLe 19:3
^{Pr} 30:11
^{Mt} 15:5
^rPs 119:127
^{Pr} 16:16
^{Isa} 55:1
^{Joh} 8:32
^sMt 16:26
^{Heb} 11:26
^{Re} 12:11
^t1Ki 1:48
^{Pr} 10:1
^uPr 15:20
^v1Ch 4:9
^{Pr} 17:25
^{Lu} 11:27
^yDe 6:5
^{Ps} 107:43
^{Pr} 4:23
^{Ho} 14:9
^{Pr} 7:12
^{Ec} 7:26
^{Nu} 25:1
^{1Co} 10:8
^{1Ki} 20:16
^{Pr} 20:1
^oEph 5:18
^kAm 6:6
^{Isa} 5:11
ⁿPs 75:8
^{Pr} 9:2
^rCa 7:9
^{1Jo} 2:16
^oIsa 14:29
^sEc 10:8
^{Jer} 8:17
^tIsa 59:5

17 Let your heart not be envious of sinners,^o but be in the fear of Jehovah all day long.^{*} ¹⁸ For in that case there will exist a future^o and your own hope will not be cut off.^a

19 You, O my son, hear and become wise, and lead your heart on in the way.^o

20 Do not come to be among heavy drinkers of wine,^{*} among those who are gluttonous eaters of flesh.^o ²¹ For a drunkard and a glutton will come to poverty,^{*} and drowsiness will clothe one with mere rags.ⁿ

22 Listen to your father who caused your birth,^k and do not despise your mother just because she has grown old.ⁿ ²³ Buy truth^o itself^r and do not sell it—wisdom and discipline and understanding.^s ²⁴ The father of a righteous one will without fail be joyful;^t the one becoming father to a wise one will also rejoice in him.^u ²⁵ Your father and your mother will rejoice, and she that gave birth to you will be joyful.^v

26 My son, do give your heart to me and may those eyes of yours take pleasure in my own ways.^y ²⁷ For a prostitute is a deep pit and a foreign woman is a narrow well. ²⁸ Surely she, just like a robber, lies in wait;^{*} and among men she increases the treacherous ones.^o

29 Who has woe? Who has uneasiness?^o Who has contentions?^{*} Who has concern?^o Who has wounds for no reason? Who has dullness of eyes? ³⁰ Those staying a long time with the wine,^k those coming in to search out mixed wine.ⁿ ³¹ Do not look at wine^o when it exhibits a red color, when it gives off its sparkle in the cup, [when] it goes with a smoothness.^r ³² At its end it bites just like a serpent,^s and it secretes poison just like a viper.^t ³³ Your own eyes

will see strange things^a and your own heart will speak perverse things.^v ³⁴ And you will certainly become like one lying down in the heart of the sea, even like one lying down at the top of a mast.^v ³⁵ "They have struck me, but I did not become sick; they have smitten me, but I did not know it.^z When shall I wake up? I shall seek it yet some more."^s

24 Do not be envious of bad men^q and do not show yourself craving to get in with them.^a ² For violence is what their heart keeps meditating and trouble is what their own lips keep speaking.^q

³ By wisdom^o a household will be built up^c and by discernment it will prove firmly established.^q ⁴ And by knowledge will the interior rooms be filled with all precious and pleasant things of value.^s

⁵ One wise in strength is an able-bodied man,^h and a man of knowledge is reinforcing power.^{bk} ⁶ For by skillful direction you will carry on your war,ⁿ and in the multitude of counselors there is salvation.^r

⁷ For a foolish one true wisdom is too high;^{cs} in the gate he will not open his mouth.

⁸ As for anyone scheming to do bad, he will be called a mere master at evil ideas.^u

⁹ The loose conduct of foolishness is sin,^v and a ridiculer is something detestable to mankind.^v

¹⁰ Have you shown yourself discouraged in the day of distress?^z Your power will be scanty.

¹¹ Deliver those who are being taken away

^a Or, "women." ^b Or, by slight changes of M, "The wise one is superior to the strong one, and a man of knowledge to the one vigorous in power." (To correspond with LXX.) ^c Or, "is as corals."

vPs 69:12
Pr 31:5
Da 5:4
Ho 7:5
v1Sa 25:37
1Sa 30:16
2Sa 13:28
1Ki 16:9
1Ki 20:16
Mt 24:38
zPr 27:22
*Pr 26:11
Isa 22:13
1Co 15:32
2Pe 2:22
oPs 37:7
Pr 3:31
Pr 23:17
APs 26:9
Pr 1:11
1Sa 23:9
Ac 13:10
*Pr 9:1
Pr 14:1
1Co 3:9
oEc 9:10
2Sa 7:26
Pr 3:19
*1Ki 4:22
1Ch 27:25
Pr 15:6
Mt 13:52
*Pr 8:14
Pr 21:22
Ec 7:19
kPs 84:7
Isa 40:31
Eph 6:10
Col 1:11
nPr 20:18
Lu 14:31
2Ti 4:7
*Pr 11:14
Pr 15:22
sPr 14:6
1Co 2:14
u1Ki 2:44
Ps 21:11
Ps 26:10
Pr 6:14
Na 1:11
Ro 1:30
vLe 18:17
Pr 10:23
Ga 5:19
yPr 22:10
Pr 29:8
2Pe 3:3
zIsa 40:29
Eph 3:13
Heb 12:3

*Ps 82:4
Ac 21:31
1Jo 3:16
*Mt 25:44
1Sa 16:7
Ps 7:9
Pr 5:21
Ps 66:9
Ac 17:28
*Ps 62:12
Mt 16:27
Ro 2:6
2Co 5:10
*Pr 25:16
Ca 5:1
Mt 3:4
*Ps 119:103
Pr 22:18
*Pr 23:18
Mt 19:29
Jas 1:25
k1Sa 19:11
Ps 37:32
Pr 1:11
Mt 26:4
nPr 22:28
Isa 32:18
*Ps 34:19
Mic 7:8
2Co 1:8
2Co 1:10
s1Sa 31:4
Es 7:10
Ps 52:5
1Th 5:3
1Jg 16:25
2Sa 16:5
Job 31:29
Pr 17:5
uLa 4:21
Zec 1:15
yPs 37:1
Ps 73:3
Pr 23:17
zPs 9:17
Pr 10:7
Isa 3:11
oJob 25:10
*Job 21:17
Pr 13:9
Pr 20:20
Mt 8:12
Mt 25:8
Jude 13
oEx 14:31
1Sa 24:6
Mt 22:21
1Pe 2:17
ANu 16:2
2Sa 15:12
oNu 16:31
2Ch 13:16
*Ps 90:11
Pr 20:2

to death and those staggering to the slaughter, if you would be spared.^a ¹² In case you should say: "Look! we did not know this one,"^q will not he himself that is estimating hearts discern it^a and he himself that is observing your soul know^q and certainly pay back to earthing man according to his activity?^r

¹³ My son, eat honey, for it is good, and let sweet comb honey be upon your palate.^q ¹⁴ In the same way, do know wisdom for your soul.^x If you have found [it], then there exists a future and your own hope will not be cut off.^h

¹⁵ Do not, as a wicked one, lie in wait for the abiding place of the righteous one;^k do not despoil his resting place.ⁿ ¹⁶ For the righteous one may fall even seven times and he will certainly get up,^r but the wicked ones will be made to stumble by calamity.^s

¹⁷ When your enemy falls, do not rejoice; and when he is caused to stumble, may your heart not be joyful,^t ¹⁸ that Jehovah may not see and it be bad in his eyes and he certainly turn back his anger from against him.^u

¹⁹ Do not show yourself heated up at evil-doers. Do not become envious of wicked people.^y ²⁰ For there will prove to be no future for anyone bad;^z the very lamp^q of wicked people will be extinguished.^s

²¹ My son, fear Jehovah and the king.^v With those who are for a change, do not intermeddle.^a ²² For their disaster will arise so suddenly,^q that who is aware of the extinction of those who are for a change?^r

²³ These [sayings] also are for the wise

^a "Be spared," by a change of vowel-pointing of M; "spare," M.

ones.⁶ The showing of partiality^a in judgment is not good.*

24 He that is saying to the wicked one: "You are righteous,"^b the peoples will execrate him, national groups will denounce him.^k ²⁵ But for those reproving [him] it will be pleasant,ⁿ and upon them there will come the blessing of good.^r ²⁶ Lips will he kiss who is replying in a straightforward way.^s

27 Prepare your work^c out of doors and make it ready for yourself in the field.^t Afterward you must also build up your household.^u

28 Do not become a witness against your fellow man without grounds.^v Then you would have to be foolish with your lips.^y ²⁹ Do not say: "Just as he did to me,^z so I am going to do to him.* I shall repay to each one according to his acting."^{aa}

30 I passed along by the field of the lazy individual^a and by the vineyard^b of the man in need of heart.^b ³¹ And look! all of it produced weeds.* Nettles covered its very surface and its stone wall itself had been torn down.*

32 So I proceeded to behold, I myself, I began taking [it] to heart;^c I saw, I took the discipline:^d ³³ A little sleeping, a little slumbering, a little folding of the hands to lie down,^k ³⁴ and as a highwayman your poverty will certainly come and your neediness as an armed man.^{cn}

25 These also are the proverbs of Sol'o.mon^r that the men of Hez-e.ki'ah the king of Judah transcribed:^s

2 The glory of God is the keeping of a matter

^a Literally, "To discern faces," M. ^b Or, "good motive." M, *leb*.

^c Literally, "a man of shield," M.

Ps 107:43
Le 19:15
De 1:17
2Ch 19:7
Joh 7:24
1Ti 5:21
Jas 2:1
1Pe 1:17
Ex 23:6
Pr 17:15
kisa 66:24
nLe 19:17
Mt 14:4
1Ti 5:20
rPr 28:23
sGe 41:38
Job 6:25
Jer 17:22
tKi 5:17
Lu 14:28
uKi 7:1
vEx 20:16
Isa 22:9
Mt 26:59
yEph 4:25
Col 3:9
zPr 20:22
Ro 12:17
1Th 5:15
Jg 15:11
Ro 12:19
Pr 6:8
Pr 10:13
Pr 12:11
Pr 31:16
Job 31:40
Jer 4:3
Mt 13:7
Heb 6:8
Pr 20:4
Pr 22:13
Ec 10:18
Ps 4:4
Lu 2:51
De 13:11
De 21:21
1Co 10:11
kPr 6:10
Ro 13:11
Eph 5:14
1Th 5:6
nPr 10:4
Pr 13:4
rKi 4:32
Pr 1:1
Pr 10:1
Ec 12:9
sCh 30:1
Isa 1:1
Isa 36:22
Isa 37:3
Ho 1:1
Mic 1:1

tDe 29:29
Job 38:4
Job 42:3
Ro 11:33
uKi 3:9
Ezr 4:15
Ezr 5:17
Ezr 6:1
Job 29:16
vPs 103:11
Isa 7:11
Ro 8:39
yKi 4:29
zPr 17:3
Isa 1:25
Mal 3:3
1Pe 1:7
*1Ki 2:33
1Ki 2:46
Es 7:10
Pr 20:8
Pr 16:12
Pr 20:28
Pr 29:14
Isa 9:7
Isa 16:5
APr 27:2
Isa 9:21
2Sa 7:8
Ps 131:1
*Pr 16:19
Lu 14:10
*Lu 14:9
Lu 18:14
1Pe 5:5
*Pr 17:14
Lu 14:32
*Pr 14:12
Mt 5:25
kMt 18:15
nPr 11:13
Pr 20:19
Ca 1:11
sPr 15:23
Pr 24:26
Ec 12:10
Isa 50:4
uPs 141:5
Pr 1:9
Pr 9:8
Pr 15:5
Pr 27:5
Heb 12:6
Ca 9:3

secret,^t and the glory of kings is the searching through a matter.^u

3 The heavens for height and the earth for depth,^v and the heart of kings, that is unsearchable.^y

4 Let there be a removing^a of scummy dross from the silver and all of it will come forth refined.^{bz}

5 Let there be the removing of the wicked one before the king,^{*} and his throne will be firmly established by righteousness itself.^o

6 Do not do yourself honor before the king,^a and in the place of great ones do not stand.^b ⁷ For it is better [for him] to say to you: "Come up here,"^c than to abase you before a noble whom your eyes have seen.^d

8 Do not go forth to conduct a legal case hastily,^e that it may not be a question of what you will do in the culmination of it when your fellow man now humiliates you.^f ⁹ Plead your own cause with your fellow man^k and do not reveal the confidential talk of another,ⁿ ¹⁰ that the one listening may not put you to shame and the bad report by you can have no recall.

11 As apples of gold^o in silver carvings is a word spoken at the right time for it.^s

12 An earring of gold, and an ornament of special gold,^c is a wise reprover upon the hearing ear.^u

13 Just like the coolness of snow in the day of harvest^o is the faithful envoy to those send-

^a "Let there be a removing." The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive absolute and hence is impersonal and indefinite as to time.

^b "All of it will come forth refined," by slight changes in M, in agreement with LXX; literally, "a vessel will come forth for the refiner," M. ^c "Special gold." M, *kheth'em*; an Egyptian word.

ing him,^a for he restores the very soul^b of his masters.^c

14 As vaporous clouds and a wind without any downpour is a man^d boasting himself about a gift in falsehood.

15 By patience^e a commander is induced, and a mild tongue itself can break a bone.^z

16 Is it honey that you have found? Eat what is sufficient for you, that you may not take too much of it and have to vomit it up.^f

17 Make your foot rare at the house of your fellow man, that he may not get his fill of you and certainly hate you.

18 As a war club and a sword and a sharpened arrow is a man^d testifying against his fellow man as a false witness.^g

19 As a broken tooth and a wobbling foot is the confidence in one proving treacherous in the day of distress.

20 He that is removing a garment^h on a cold day is as vinegar upon alkaliⁱ and as a singer with songs upon a gloomy heart.^k

21 If the one hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.ⁿ ²² For coals are what you are raking together upon his head,^r and Jehovah himself will reward you.^s

23 The wind from the north brings forth as with labor pains a downpour; and a tongue [giving away] a secret, a face stirred with indignation.^t

24 Better is it to dwell upon a corner of a

^a Or, "the one sending," the Hebrew verb being in the plural of excellence and grandeur. ^b Or, "life." M, *neph'esh*. ^c Or, "master." M, *a-do-nim*; possibly the plural of excellence and grandeur. ^d "Man." M, *ish*. ^e Literally, "length (slowness) as to anger," M.

vPr 13:17
Pr 26:6
Php 2:25

zGe 32:4
1Sa 25:25
Pr 15:1
Pr 16:14
Ec 10:4
Jg 14:8
Pr 24:13
Isa 7:15
oPr 23:8

*Ps 52:2
Ps 55:21
Ps 57:4
Ps 120:3
Ps 140:3
Pr 12:18
Jer 9:3
Jas 3:6
*Do 24:13
Jas 2:15
*Pr 10:26
kPs 137:3
Ec 3:4
Da 6:18
Ro 12:15

nEx 23:4
Pr 24:17
Mt 5:44
Lu 10:33
rRo 12:20
s2Sa 16:12

tPr 26:20
2Co 12:20

roof than with a contentious wife, although in a house in common.^u

25 As cold water upon a tired soul,^v so is a good report from a distant land.^w

26 A fouled spring and a ruined well is the righteous one when staggering before the wicked one.^x

27 The eating of too much honey is not good; and for people to search out their own glory, is it glory?^y

28 As a city^z broken through, without a wall, is the man that has no restraint for his spirit.^z

26 Like snow in summer^o and like rain^o in harvesttime,^a so glory is not fitting for a stupid one.^o

2 Just as a bird has cause for fleeing [and] just as a swallow for flying, so a malediction^o itself does not come without real cause.^o

3 A whip is for the horse,^o a bridle is for the ass,^o and the rod is for the back of stupid people.^o

4 Do not answer anyone stupid according to his foolishness, that you yourself also may not become equal to him.^k

5 Answer someone stupid according to his foolishness, that he may not become someone wise in his own eyes.ⁿ

6 As one that is mutilating [his] feet, as one that is drinking mere violence, is he that is thrusting matters into the hand of someone stupid.^r

7 Have the legs of the lame one drawn up water? Then there is a proverb in the mouth of stupid people.^s

8 Like one shutting up a stone in a heap of stones, so is the one giving glory to a mere stupid one.^t

uPr 19:13
Pr 21:9
Pr 21:19
Pr 27:15
vGe 21:19
Jg 15:19
2Sa 23:15
Ps 42:2
Isa 55:1
Jer 18:14
Mt 10:42
Mt 25:35
Joh 7:37
Re 22:17
yPr 15:30
Isa 52:7
Lu 2:10
Ro 10:15
oIsa 1:26
zIsa 22:14
2Ch 24:22
Ac 7:52
oJer 8:20
oIsa 4:6
*Pr 27:2
Joh 5:44
Php 2:3

oJer 24:9
oIsa 20:30
1Sa 25:17
Pr 16:32
Pr 22:24
oIsa 12:17
oJg 9:20
Es 3:1
Ps 12:8
Pr 28:16
*Do 23:5
Isa 14:28
Ps 100:28
*Ps 32:9
*Jas 3:3
*Jg 8:16
Pr 10:13
Pr 17:10
Pr 19:25
Pr 27:22
1Co 4:21
2Co 10:6
kJg 12:2
1Pe 3:9
Jude 9
nMt 21:24
Lu 12:14
Joh 9:27
rPr 13:17

sPs 64:8
Pr 17:7
tPr 19:10
Pr 30:22

9 As a thorny weed has come up into the hand of a drunkard, so a proverb into the mouth of stupid people.

10 As an archer piercing everything is the one hiring someone stupid or the one hiring passers-by.^v

11 Just like a dog^o returning to its vomit, the stupid one is repeating his foolishness.^y

12 Have you seen a man wise in his own eyes?^z There is more hope for the stupid one than for him.^z

13 The lazy one has said: "There is a young lion in the way, a lion^o in among the public squares."^o

14 A door keeps turning upon its pivot, and the lazy one upon his couch.^a

15 The lazy one has hidden his hand in the banquet bowl; he has become too weary to bring it back to his mouth.^o

16 The lazy one is wiser in his own eyes than seven giving a sensible reply.^a

17 As one grabbing hold of the ears of a dog is anyone passing by that is becoming furious at the quarrel that is not his.^o

18 Just like someone mad that is shooting fiery missiles,^o arrows and death,^o so is the man that has tricked his fellow man and has said: "Was I not having fun?"^a

20 Where there is no wood the fire^o goes out, and where there is no slanderer strife grows still.^k

21 As charcoal for the embers and wood for the fire, so is a contentious man for causing a quarrel to glow.ⁿ

22 The words of a slanderer are like things to be swallowed greedily, which do go down

vRo 2:6

oEc 9:4
yEx 12:45
2Pe 2:22
zPr 28:11
Lu 18:11
Ro 12:16
1Co 3:18
1Co 8:2
Re 3:17
*Pr 29:20
Mt 21:31
oIsa 11:7
oPr 15:19
Pr 19:15
Pr 22:13

aPr 6:9
Pr 6:10
Pr 12:24
Pr 24:33
Heb 6:12
oPr 19:24

*Pr 12:15

*Pr 18:6
Pr 20:3
Lu 12:14
1Th 4:11
*Eph 6:16

*Pr 10:23
Pr 14:9
Pr 15:21
Eph 5:4
oIsa 4:5

kPr 16:28
Pr 22:10
Jas 3:6

n2Sa 20:1
Pr 10:12
Pr 15:18
Pr 29:22
Pr 30:33
Jas 3:5

rPr 18:8
Pr 20:19
Eze 22:9

s2Sa 20:9
Eze 33:31
Lu 22:47
Jas 3:8
tPr 10:18
uPs 12:2
Ps 28:3
Jer 9:5
vJer 12:6
Mt 24:23
yPr 6:16
zGe 4:8

1Sa 18:17
1Sa 18:21
2Sa 3:27
1Ti 5:24
*Es 7:10
Ps 7:15
Ps 9:15
Ec 10:8
oJoh 8:40
Joh 10:32
Joh 15:24

aPr 6:24
Pr 7:21
Pr 29:5
Lu 20:20
oIsa 56:12
Lu 12:19
Jas 4:13
*Jas 4:14
oPr 25:27
2Co 10:12
2Co 10:18
2Co 12:11

*Ge 34:30
Ge 49:7
1Sa 22:18
Es 3:6
Pr 17:12
Da 3:19
1Jo 3:12

*Jas 1:20
kGe 26:14
Ge 37:11
Pr 14:30
Ac 17:5
Jas 3:14
nLe 19:17
Pr 28:23
Mt 18:15

r2Sa 12:7
Ps 141:5
Re 3:19
s2Sa 20:9
Pr 10:18
Pr 26:23
Mt 26:49

into the innermost parts of the belly.^r

23 As a silver glazing overlaid upon a fragment of earthenware are fervent lips along with a bad heart.^s

24 With his lips the hater makes himself unrecognizable, but inside of him he puts deception.^t ²⁵ Although he makes his voice gracious,^u do not believe in him,^v for there are seven detestable things in his heart.^y ²⁶ Hatred is covered over by deceit. His badness will be uncovered in the congregation.^z

27 He that is excavating a pit will fall into the same, and he that is rolling away a stone—back to him it will return.^a

28 A tongue that is false hates the one crushed by it,^c and a flattering mouth^a causes an overthrow.^a

27 Do not make your boast about the next day,^o for you do not know what a day will give birth to.^a

2 May a stranger, and not your own mouth, praise you; may a foreigner, and not your own lips, do so.^o

3 The heaviness of a stone and a load of sand—but the vexation by someone foolish is heavier than both of them.^a

4 There is the cruelty of rage, also the flood of anger,^a but who can stand before jealousy?^k

5 Better is a revealed reproof than a concealed love.ⁿ

6 The wounds inflicted by a lover^b are faithful,^r but the kisses of a hater are things to be entreated.^{cs}

^a More literally, "a smooth mouth," M. ^b Or, "friend." M, o.hēb'.

^c By corrections of the Hebrew text it may read: "are excessive," or, "are corrupted."

7 A soul that is satisfied will tread down comb honey, but to a hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.^a

8 Just like a bird fleeing away from its nest,^v so is a man fleeing away from his place.^v

9 Oil and incense are what make the heart rejoice,^z also the sweetness of one's companion due to the counsel^o of the soul.^a

10 Do not leave your own companion or the companion of your father,^a and do not enter the house of your own brother on the day of your disaster.^o Better is a neighbor^o that is near than a brother that is far away.^a

11 Be wise, my son, and make my heart rejoice,^o that I may make a reply to him that is taunting me.^a

12 The shrewd one that has seen the calamity has concealed himself;^a the inexperienced that have passed along have suffered the penalty.^k

13 Take one's garment, in case one has gone surety^o for a stranger;ⁿ and in the instance of a foreign woman, seize it as a pledge.^r

14 He that is blessing his fellow man with a loud voice early in the morning, as a malediction it will be accounted on his part.^a

15 A leaking roof that drives one away in the day of a steady rain and a contentious wife are comparable.^t ¹⁶ Anyone sheltering her has sheltered the wind, and oil is what his right hand encounters.^a

17 By iron,^o iron itself is sharpened. So one man^b sharpens the face of another.^{cv}

18 He that is safeguarding the fig tree will

uLu 15:16

vIsa 16:2

yGe 4:16

1Sa 27:1

1Ki 19:9

Pr 21:16

zPs 45:8

oIsa 5:19

*1Sa 23:16

Pr 15:23

Pr 16:24

Ac 28:15

41Ki 12:8

2Ch 24:22

oPr 19:7

oJer 6:21

*Pr 17:17

Pr 18:24

Lu 10:31

oPr 10:1

Pr 15:20

Pr 23:15

Ec 2:19

2Jo 4

Job 1:8

Ps 119:42

Ps 127:5

*Ex 9:20

Ps 57:1

Pr 18:10

Isa 26:20

Heb 6:18

Heb 11:7

oGe 43:9

kPr 22:3

2Pe 3:7

nPr 6:1

Pr 22:26

rPr 20:16

s1Ki 22:6

Ac 12:22

tPr 19:13

Pr 21:9

Pr 21:19

Pr 25:24

oIsa 10:34

v1Sa 23:16

2Sa 10:11

Isa 35:3

Heb 10:24

Heb 12:12

yCa 8:12

1Co 9:7

zGe 24:2

Ge 39:2

2Ki 3:11

Pr 17:2

Pr 22:29

*1Co 13:12

ΔPr 30:16

Hab 2:5

oPr 23:5

Ec 1:8

Jer 22:17

1Jo 2:18

*Ps 12:6

*Ps 56:10

Pr 17:3

o1Sa 18:7

2Sa 14:25

*Ex 12:30

Ex 15:9

2Ch 28:22

Isa 1:5

Jer 5:3

Re 16:11

oIsa 61:5

*Ex 7:23

De 32:46

Pr 24:32

oEc 1:4

kPr 23:5

Zep 1:18

1Ti 6:17

Jas 1:10

rPs 104:14

sJob 31:20

tPr 30:8

Mt 6:33

uLe 26:17

De 28:25

2Ki 7:6

Ps 53:5

oCa 4:1

vEx 11:8

Isa 26:3

Da 3:16

Ac 4:13

Ac 14:3

Th 2:2

oPr 28:2

y1Ki 15:25

1Ki 16:8

1Ki 16:13

1Ki 16:19

1Ki 16:22

2Ch 36:2

Ho 13:11

zGe 45:5

2Ch 32:20

Ec 9:15

Da 4:27

himself eat its fruit,^y and he that is guarding his master^a will be honored.^z

19 As in water face corresponds with face,^a so the heart of a man^b with [that of] a man.^b

20 She'ol and [the place of] destruction^c themselves do not get satisfied;^a neither do the eyes of a man^b get satisfied.^o

21 The refining pot is for silver and the furnace is for gold,^a and an individual is according to his praise.^o

22 Even if you should pound the foolish one fine with a pestle in a mortar, in among cracked grain, his foolishness will not depart from him.^x

23 Would you positively know the appearance of your flock?^o Then set your heart to your droves;^a ²⁴ for wealth will not be to time indefinite,^k nor a diadem for all generations.^o

25 The green grass has departed and the new grass has appeared and the vegetation of the mountains has been gathered.^r ²⁶ The young rams are for your clothing, and the he-goats are the price of the field.^s ²⁷ And there is a sufficiency of goats^o milk for your food, for the food of your household, and the means of life for your girls.^t

28 The wicked^o do flee when there is no pursuer,^u but the righteous are like a young lion that is confident.^v

2 Because of the transgression of a land many are its [successive] princes,^y but by a discerning man^d having knowledge of right [the prince]^e will remain long.^z

3 An able-bodied man that is of little means

^a Or, "and the oil of his right hand calls out (betrays itself)."

^b "One man." M, *ish*. ^c So this verse may read by slight changes of vowel-pointing of M, to agree with LXXVgSyT.

^a M, *a-do-nim'*; the plural of *a-dōn'*, to indicate excellence or greatness. ^b "A man." M, *ha-a-dam'*. ^c "Destruction." M, *a-bad-dōh'*; compare Job 26:6, footnote f. ^d "Man." M, *a-dam'*. ^e Literally, "he."

and that is defrauding the lowly ones is as a rain that washes away so that there is no food.*

4 Those who are leaving the law praise the wicked one,^a but those who are keeping the law excite themselves against them.^a

5 Men given to badness cannot understand judgment, but those who are seeking Jehovah can understand everything.^b

6 Better is the one of little means who is walking in his integrity than anyone crooked in [his] ways, although he is rich.^c

7 An understanding son is observing the law,^d but one having companionship with gluttons humiliates his father.^e

8 He that is multiplying his valuables by interest^f and usury collects them merely for the one showing favor to the lowly ones.^g

9 He that is turning his ear away from hearing the law^h—even his prayer is something detestable.ⁱ

10 He that is causing the upright ones to go astray^j into the bad way will himself fall into his own pit,^k but the faultless ones themselves will come into possession of good.^l

11 A rich man is wise in his own eyes,^m but the lowly one who is discerning searches him through.ⁿ

12 When the righteous ones are exulting, there is abundant beauty;^o but when the wicked ones rise up, a man disguises himself.^p

13 He that is covering over his transgressions will not succeed,^q but he that is confessing^r and leaving [them] will be shown mercy.^s

14 Happy^t is the man that is feeling dread constantly,^u but he that is hardening his heart will fall into calamity.^v

*Mt 18:28
 QPs 10:3
 Jer 5:31
 Mal 3:15
 Ac 24:3
 1Sa 15:14
 1Sa 22:15
 1K1 20:42
 Eph 5:11
 Ps 25:14
 Pr 15:24
 Pr 16:8
 Pr 19:1
 Pr 2:1
 Pr 3:1
 Pr 19:26
 Pr 23:20
 1Pe 4:3
 Le 25:36
 Eze 18:17
 kJob 27:16
 Pr 13:22
 Pr 19:17
 nPr 21:13
 Zec 7:11
 2Ti 4:3
 rPs 66:18
 Ps 109:7
 Pr 15:8
 sNu 31:16
 1Sa 26:19
 Ro 16:17
 tPs 7:15
 Pr 26:27
 Ec 10:8
 uDe 7:12
 Ps 37:11
 Pr 10:3
 Pr 15:6
 vPr 23:4
 Pr 26:16
 Isa 5:21
 Ro 11:25
 Ro 12:16
 yPr 18:17
 Pr 19:1
 Ec 9:15
 z1Ch 15:25
 Pr 11:10
 Pr 29:2
 Lu 19:38
 *1K1 17:3
 Jer 36:26
 GGe 3:12
 1Sa 15:15
 Le 26:40
 1Sa 15:30
 Ac 26:20
 Da 9:4
 Ec 10:17
 Ps 2:11
 Pr 23:17
 Jer 32:40
 Ex 7:22
 Job 9:4
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 1Pe 5:8
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 Isa 33:15
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 nPs 25:21
 Pr 10:9
 Mt 24:13
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 1Th 5:3
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 *Pr 23:6
 Mt 20:15
 Mr 7:22
 *Job 27:17
 2Sa 12:7
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 Ps 141:5
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 Jg 17:2
 Pr 19:26
 Mr 7:11
 *Pr 13:20
 Pr 18:9
 cPr 10:12
 Fr 5:18
 Pr 22:10
 *Ps 84:12

15 As a growling lion and an onrushing bear is a wicked ruler over a lowly people.^o

16 A leader that is in want of true discernment is also abundant in fraudulent practices,^p but he that is hating unjust profit will prolong [his] days.^q

17 A man^a burdened with the bloodguilt for a soul^b will himself flee even to the pit.^c Let them not get hold of him.

18 He that is walking faultless will be saved,^d but he that is made crooked in [his] ways will fall at once.^e

19 He that is cultivating his own ground will have his fill of bread,^f and he that is pursuing valueless things will have his fill of poverty.^g

20 A man^h of faithful acts will get many blessings,ⁱ but he that is hastening to gain riches will not remain innocent.^j

21 The showing of partiality^k is not good,^l nor that an able-bodied man should transgress over a mere piece of bread.

22 A man^m of envious eye is bestirring himself after valuable things,ⁿ but he does not know that want itself will come upon him.^o

23 He that is reproving a man^p will afterward find more favor than he will that is flattering with his tongue.^q

24 He that is robbing his father^r and his mother and is saying: "It is no transgression,"^s is a partner of a man^t causing ruin.^u

25 He that is arrogant in soul stirs up contention,^v but he that is relying upon Jehovah will be made fat.^w

^a "Man." M, *a.dam'*. ^b "Soul." M, *neph'esh*; Vg, *a'ni.ma*. ^c "Man." M, *ish*. ^d Literally, "To discern faces," M. ^e Literally, "making smooth a tongue"; or, "using a smooth tongue," M.

26 He that is trusting in his own heart is stupid,^a but he that is walking in wisdom is the one that will escape.^k

27 He that is giving to the one of little means will have no want,ⁿ but he that is hiding his eyes will get many curses.^r

28 When the wicked rise up, a man^a conceals himself;^s but when they perish, the righteous become many.^t

29 A man^b repeatedly reproveth^u but making his neck hard^v will suddenly be broken, and that without healing.^y

2 When the righteous become many, the people rejoice;^z but when anyone wicked^e bears rule, the people sigh.^{*}

3 A man^b that is loving wisdom makes his father rejoice,^z but he that is having companionship with prostitutes destroys valuable things.[^]

4 By justice a king makes a land keep standing,^o but a man out for bribes^d tears it down.^{*}

5 An able-bodied man that is flattering his companion^o is spreading out a mere net for his steps.^{*}

6 In the transgression of a bad man there is a snare,^a but he that is righteous cries out joyfully and is glad.^k

7 The righteous one is knowing the legal claim of the lowly ones.ⁿ He that is wicked does not consider such knowledge.^r

8 Men of boastful talk inflame a town,^a but those who are wise turn back anger.^t

9 A wise man having entered into judgment with a foolish man—he has become ex-

#Pr 3:5
Jer 17:9
kJob 28:28
2Ti 3:15
Jas 3:13
nDe 15:7
Ps 41:1
Ps 112:5
Pr 19:17
Pr 22:9
2Co 9:6
Heb 13:16
rPr 11:26
Pr 24:24
sJob 24:4
Pr 29:12
tEs 5:17
u1Sa 2:25
v1Kl 18:18
2Ch 25:13
2Ch 36:16
Jer 25:3
o1Sa 3:11
v2Ch 36:13
Ne 9:29
Isa 48:4
Jer 17:23
yPr 6:15
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1Th 5:3
zEs 8:15
Ps 72:1
Re 11:15
*Es 3:15
Pr 28:28
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oPr 10:1
Pr 15:20
Lu 1:14
^Pr 5:8
Pr 6:26
Lu 15:13
iCo 15:33
^2Sa 8:15
1Kl 2:12
Ps 89:14
Isa 9:7
*Mic 7:3
o1Th 2:5
*Ro 16:18
*Pr 5:22
2Ti 2:26
kPs 97:11
Jas 1:2
1Pe 1:8
nPs 41:1
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^Ps 13:3
Mt 5:45
*Ps 72:2
Pr 20:28
Isa 1:17
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*Pr 16:12
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*1Kl 1:6
Pr 10:1
Pr 17:25
*Ps 37:34
Ps 58:10
Ps 91:8
Ps 112:8
Re 18:20
o1Sa 29:7
*Isa 1:3
kPr 13:24
Pr 19:18
Pr 22:15
Pr 23:13
n1Sa 3:1
Ho 4:6
rPr 19:16
Joh 13:17
Jas 1:25
sJob 19:16
Pr 26:3
tJob 19:16
uEc 5:2
Jas 1:19
vPr 14:29
Pr 21:5
Pr 26:12

cited and has also laughed, and there is no rest.^u

10 Bloodthirsty men hate anyone of integrity;^v and as for the upright ones, they keep seeking for the soul of each one.^y

11 All his spirit is what a stupid one lets out, but he that is wise keeps it calm to the last.^z

12 Where a ruler is paying attention to false speech, all those waiting on him will be wicked.^{*}

13 The one of little means and the man of oppressions have met each other,[^] but of Jehovah is lighting up the eyes of them both.[^]

14 Where a king is judging the lowly ones in trueness,^o his throne will be firmly established for all time.^{*}

15 The rod and reproof are what give wisdom;^o but a boy let on the loose will be causing his mother shame.^{*}

16 When the wicked become many, transgression abounds; but those who are righteous will look on their very downfall.[^]

17 Chastise your son and he will bring you rest and give much pleasure to your soul.^k

18 Where there is no vision^o the people^o go unrestrained,ⁿ but happy are they^a that are keeping the law.^r

19 A servant will not let himself be corrected by mere words,^a for he understands but he is paying no heed.^t

20 Have you beheld a man hasty with his words?^u There is more hope for someone stupid than for him.^v

21 If one is pampering one's servant from youth on, in his later life he will even become a thankless one.^b

^a "Man." M, *a-dam*. ^b "Man." M, *ish*. ^c Literally, "A man of reproofs," M. ^d Literally, "contributions," M.

^a "They," or, "it," referring to "the people" (singular in Hebrew). ^b "A thankless one." M, *ma-nōn*; of doubtful meaning.

22 A man given to anger stirs up contention,^y and anyone disposed to rage^a has many a transgression.^z

23 The very haughtiness of earthling man^{bo} will humble him,^{*} but he that is humble in spirit will take hold of glory.[□]

24 He that is partner with a thief^o is hating his own soul.^Δ An oath-bound curse he may hear, but he reports nothing.[◊]

25 Trembling at men^b is what lays a snare,^o but he that is trusting in Jehovah will be protected.^o

26 Many are those seeking the face of a ruler,^{*} but the judgment of a man is from Jehovah.^Δ

27 A man of injustice is something detestable to the righteous ones,^k and one who is upright in his way is something detestable to a wicked one.^Δ

30 The words of A'gur the son of Ja'keh, the weighty message.^r The utterance of the able-bodied man to Ith'iel, to Ith'iel and U'cal.

2 For I am more unreasoning than anyone else,^Δ and I do not have the understanding of mankind;^t ^a and I have not learned wisdom,^u and the knowledge of the Most Holy One^c I do not know.^v

4 Who has ascended to heaven that he may descend?^y Who has gathered the wind in the hollow of both hands?^z Who has wrapped up the waters^o in a garment?^{*} Who has made all the ends of the earth to rise?[□] What is his name^Δ and what the name of his son, in case you know?[◊]

^a Literally, "and a master [lord, ba'al] of rage," M. ^b M, a-dam'.
^c "The Most Holy One." M, q'do-shim'; the plural of q'do-shim', to denote excellence and majesty. See Proverbs 9:10, footnote b.

yPr 10:12
Pr 15:18
Pr 17:19
zPr 17:19
Pr 22:24
Ja 3:16
oEc 9:12
o2Ch 32:26
Pr 18:12
Ja 4:6
Isa 1:23
oDe 8:2
Pr 15:33
Isa 57:15
Mt 18:4
Lu 14:11
oIsa 8:14
ΔPs 50:18
Pr 1:11
Isa 1:23
oLe 5:1
Jg 17:2
*Ex 32:21
1Kl 19:3
o1Ch 5:20
Ps 69:29
Pr 16:20
*Pr 19:6
*Ne 1:11
Es 4:16
Ps 62:12
Pr 19:21
kPs 119:115
Ps 139:21
nJoh 7:7
1Jo 3:13
rPr 31:1
2Ti 3:16
sJob 42:3
Ps 73:22
Isa 6:5
1Co 3:18
Ja 1:5
1Jer 10:14
2Pe 2:12
uAm 7:14
vIsa 6:3
Isa 30:11
yDe 30:12
Joh 3:13
Ro 10:6
Eph 4:9
zPs 104:3
*Isa 40:12
oJob 38:4
oIsa 8:6
ΔEx 3:14
Ex 6:3
De 28:58
Ps 83:18
◊Ps 2:7
Mt 1:21

5 Every saying of God^{ao} is refined.^{*} He is a shield^o to those taking refuge in him.^o ^e Add nothing to his words,^{*} that he may not reprove you and you may not have to be proved a liar.^Δ

7 Two things I have asked of you.^k Do not withhold them from me before I die.ⁿ ^s Untruth and the lying word put far away from me.^r Give me neither poverty nor riches.^s Let me devour the food prescribed for me,^t ^o that I may not be too full and I actually deny [you]^u and say: "Who is Jehovah?"^v and that I may not come to poverty and I actually steal and assail the name of my God.^{by}

10 Do not slander a servant to his master,^{cz} that he may not call down evil upon you and you may not have to be held guilty.^{*}

11 There is a generation that calls down evil even upon its father and that does not bless even its mother.^Δ

12 There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes^o but that has not been washed from its own excrement.^{*}

13 There is a generation whose eyes have become O how lofty! and whose beaming eyes are lifted up.^o

14 There is a generation whose teeth are swords and whose jawbones are slaughtering knives,^{*} to eat up the afflicted ones off the earth and the poor ones from among mankind.^{dΔ}

15 The leeches have two daughters [that cry]: "Give! Give!"^k There are three things that do not get satisfied, four that have not

oIsa 44:8
*Ps 12:6
oIsa 21:5
eGe 15:1
Ps 84:11
*De 4:2
Re 22:18
*Ro 3:4
kPs 27:4
Lu 10:42
nPs 21:2
rPr 21:6
sPr 23:5
tMt 24:45
uDe 31:20
vEx 5:2
2Ch 32:15
yEx 20:7
2Ch 32:16
zDe 23:15
Ro 14:4
*De 15:9
ΔLe 20:9
De 27:16
Pr 20:20
Mr 7:11
2Ti 3:2
oPs 36:2
Isa 65:5
Lu 16:15
2Ti 3:4
1Jo 1:8
oEc 11:7
*Ps 51:2
Mt 23:27
Lu 11:39
ePs 101:5
Ps 131:1
Pr 6:17
Pr 21:4
Isa 2:11
2Th 2:4
*Ps 3:7
Ps 57:4
Pr 12:18
*Ps 14:4
Pr 22:16
Isa 32:7
Mic 3:3
Hab 3:14
Mr 12:40
Ja 5:4
kIsa 56:11
Mic 7:3

^a "God." M, E-lo'ah. ^b "God." M, E-lo-him'; the plural number of E-lo'ah. ^c "Master." Mmargin, a-do-nim'; the plural of a-dōn, to denote excellence or grandeur. ^d "Mankind." M, a-dam'; but possibly meant to be a-da-mah', meaning "ground."

said: "Enough!"ⁿ 16 She'ol and a restrained womb,^a a land that has not been satisfied with water, and fire that has not said: "Enough!"^r

17 The eye that holds a father in derision and that despises obedience to a mother^s—the ravens of the torrent valley will pick it out and the sons of the eagle^o will eat it up.

18 There are three things that have proved too wonderful for me, and four that I have not come to know: ¹⁹ the way of an eagle in the heavens,^v the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship^o in the heart of the sea^v and the way of an able-bodied man with a maiden.^z

20 Here is the way of an adulterous^o woman: she has eaten and has wiped her mouth and she has said: "I have committed no wrong."^r

21 Under three things the earth has been agitated, and under four it is not able to endure: ²² under a slave when he rules as king,^o and someone senseless when he has his fill of food;^a ²³ under a hated woman when she is taken possession of as a wife,^o and a maidservant^c when she dispossesses her mistress.^r

24 There are four things that are the smallest of the earth, but they are instinctively wise:^b ²⁵ the ants are a people not strong,^a and yet in the summer they prepare their food;^a ²⁶ the rock badgers are a people not mighty, and yet upon a crag is where they put their house;^k ²⁷ the locusts^o have no king, and yet they go forth all of them divided into groups;ⁿ ²⁸ the gecko^o lizard takes hold with its own hands and it is in the grand palace^c of a king.

29 There are three that do well in [their]

^a Literally, "restraint of the womb," M. ^b Literally, "are wise, being made wise," M. ^c Or, "the palaces," M.

nPr 6:16

rPr 27:20
Hab 2:5
sGe 9:22
Le 20:9
2Sa 13:6
Pr 20:20
Pr 23:22
Isa 40:31vJob 39:27
Isa 40:31
oPr 31:14
yJon 2:3
zGe 26:8
Isa 57:3*Nu 5:13
Pr 7:13oPr 19:10
Pr 28:3
Ec 10:7
Isa 3:4
41Sa 25:3
1Sa 25:17
1Sa 25:25
1Sa 30:16
oIsa 14:2
oPr 19:13
Pr 21:9
Pr 21:19
Pr 27:15
*Ge 16:5oJob 12:7
*Pr 6:6
*Pr 6:8kLe 11:5
Ps 104:18
oJob 1:4nEx 10:4
Ex 10:14
Ps 105:34
Joe 2:7
Re 9:3
rLe 11:30

30 pacing, and four that do well in [their] moving along: ³¹ the lion, which is the mightiest among the beasts and which does not turn back on account of anyone;^a ³² the greyhound^a or the he-goat, and a king of a band of soldiers of his own people.^{bt}

32 If you have acted senselessly by lifting yourself up,^u and if you have fixed your thought [upon it], [put] the hand to the mouth.^v ³³ For the churning of milk^o is what brings forth butter, and the squeezing of the nose is what brings forth blood, and the squeezing out of anger is what brings forth contention.^v

31 The words of Lem'u-el^c the king, the weighty message^a that his mother gave to him in correction:^r

2 What [am I saying], O son^d of mine, and what, O son^d of my belly,^c and what, O son^d of my vows?^a

3 Do not give your vital energy to women,^o nor your ways to [what leads to] wiping out kings.^r

4 It is not for kings, O Lem'u-el, it is not for kings to drink wine or for high officials [to say:] "Where is intoxicating liquor?"^a ⁵ that one may not drink and forget what is decreed and pervert the cause of any of the sons of affliction.^a ⁶ GIVE intoxicating liquor to the one about to perish^a and wine to those who are bitter of soul.^k ⁷ Let one drink and forget one's poverty, and let one remember one's own trouble no more.

sNu 23:24
Jg 14:5
Jg 14:18
tPr 16:14
Pr 20:2
Da 3:15
uPr 26:12
Ec 8:3
Ro 12:16
vJob 21:5
Job 40:4
Ec 8:4
Mic 7:16
oCa 5:12yPr 15:18
Pr 16:28
Pr 17:14
Pr 26:21
Pr 28:25
Pr 29:22
zPr 30:1
2Ti 3:16
*Pr 1:8
Pr 6:20
2Ti 1:5
2Ti 3:15
oPs 71:6
Isa 44:2
Isa 49:15
Jer 1:5
41Sa 1:11
1Sa 1:28
oPr 5:10
Pr 7:26
Ho 4:12
*De 17:17
1Ki 11:3
Ne 13:26
oLe 10:9
1Ki 20:12
Es 3:15
Ec 10:17
Isa 28:7
Da 5:4
Ho 4:11
Ho 7:5
Mr 6:21
*Hab 2:5
*Ps 104:15
k1Sa 1:10
2Ki 4:27
Lu 10:34
1Ti 5:23

^a Or, "the rooster"; or, "the war horse." Literally, "the (animal) girded in at the hips (loins)," M. ^b Or, "king against whom there is no rising up by his people." ^c Meaning "Belonging to God." ^d M, bar, Biblical Aramaic. See Psalm 2:12, footnote a.

8 Open your mouth for the speechless one,^r in the cause of all those passing away.^{as} 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously and plead the cause of the afflicted one and the poor one.^t

א [Aleph]

10 A capable wife who can find?^u Her value is far more than that of corals.^v

ב [Beth]

11 In her the heart of her owner^{bo} has put trust, and there is no gain lacking.^y

ג [Gimel]

12 She has rewarded him with good, and not bad, all the days of her life.^z

ד [Daleth]

13 She has sought wool and linen, and she works at whatever is the delight of her hands.^{*}

ה [He]

14 She has proved to be like the ships^o of a merchant.^q From far away she brings in her food.^{ca}

ו [Waw]

15 She also gets up while it is still night^o and gives food^d to her household and the prescribed portion to her young women.

ז [Zayin]

16 She has considered a field and proceeded to obtain it;^q from the fruitage of her hands she has planted a vineyard.^{ca}

ח [Heth]

17 She has girded her hips with strength,^{*} and she invigorates her arms.

^a Literally, "all the sons of the passing away." M. ^b M, ^{ba} al.
^c Or, "bread." M, ^{lehh'em}, as in verse 27. ^d Literally, "things carried off." M, ^{ter'eph}.

rIsa 19:4
Isa 20:32
Isa 22:14
Es 4:13
Ps 82:4
sPs 79:11
tLe 19:15
De 1:16
De 16:18
2Sa 8:15
Ps 58:1
Ps 72:1
Pr 20:8
Isa 11:4
Jer 22:3
Joh 7:24
Heb 1:9
Re 19:11
oIsa 1:3
uRu 3:11
Pr 12:4
Pr 19:14
Ec 7:28
Ca 6:9
Eph 5:25
vPr 3:15
y2Ki 4:9
y2Ki 4:23
1Pe 3:7
zIsa 25:24

oIsa 23:1
*Ge 18:6
Ge 24:20
Ge 29:9
Ex 2:16
Ru 2:2
Ac 9:39
1Ti 5:10
Tit 2:5
oEc 8:16
o1Ki 9:26
2Ch 9:21
oRu 2:19
oJoh 20:1

oJos 15:18

oIsa 3:14
*Ca 8:12

*Job 38:3
Lu 12:35
1Pe 1:13

י [Teth]

18 She has sensed that her trading is good; her lamp does not go out at night.ⁿ

י [Yod]

19 Her hands she has thrust out to the distaff, and her own hands take hold of the spindle.ⁿ

כ [Kaph]

20 Her palm she has stretched out to the afflicted one and her hands she has thrust out to the poor one.^t

ל [Lamed]

21 She does not fear for her household because of the snow, for all her household are clothed with double garments.^{av}

מ [Mem]

22 Coverlets she has made for herself.^y Her clothing is of linen and wool dyed reddish purple.^z

נ [Nun]

23 Her owner^{*} is someone known in the gates,^q when he sits down with the older men of the land.

ס [Samekh]

24 She has made even undergarments and proceeded to sell [them], and belts she has given to the tradesmen.^a

ע [Ayin]

25 Strength and splendor are her clothing,^o and she laughs at a future day.^{*}

פ [Pe]

26 Her mouth she has opened in wisdom,^o and the law of loving-kindness^b is upon her tongue.^{*}

nPs 127:2
Mt 25:4
1Th 2:9
2Th 3:8
rEx 35:25
tJob 31:16
Ps 41:1
Ps 112:9
Pr 19:17
Pr 22:9
Ec 11:1
Mr 14:7
Ac 9:36
Eph 4:28
Heb 13:16
vGe 45:22
yPr 7:16
zGe 41:42
Ex 39:27
Es 5:1
Es 8:15
Ps 45:13
Ps 45:14
Eze 16:10
1Pe 3:3
*Ge 20:3
Ex 21:3
De 22:22
2Sa 11:26
Isa 1:20
Pr 12:4
Joe 1:8
oDe 16:18
De 21:19
Ru 4:1
Job 29:7
Pr 24:7
o1Ki 10:28
Eze 27:16
oJob 29:14
Job 40:10
Fs 132:9
Isa 61:10
1Ti 2:10
1Pe 5:5
*Isa 65:13
Mt 25:21
oJg 13:23
Isa 25:31
2Sa 20:16
2Ki 22:15
Es 5:8
Lu 1:38
Ac 18:26
*Ge 24:18
Pr 12:18
Pr 16:24
Pr 25:15
Ca 2:14
Ac 16:15
1Pe 3:1

^a "Double garments," by a slight change in vowel-pointing of M, to agree with LXX; literally, "scarlet garments," M. ^b Or, "loyal love."

‡ [Tsade]

27 She is watching over the goings on of her household, and the bread of laziness she does not eat.*

‡ [Qoph]

28 Her sons have risen up and proceeded to pronounce her happy;^k her owner [rises up], and he praises her.ⁿ

‡ [Resh]

29 There are many daughters that have shown capableness, but you—you have ascended above them all.^r

‡ [Shin]

30 Charm may be false^s and beauty may be vain;^t [but] the woman that fears Jehovah is the one that procures praise for herself.^u

‡ [Taw]

31 GIVE her of the fruitage of her hands,^v and let her works praise her even in the gates.^{ay}

* At the end of this book of Proverbs M displays the three letters or trigrammaton פתח (Heth, Zayin, Qoph), three Hebrew letters that are found in the name Hez-e-ki'ah that appears at Proverbs 25:1. This trigrammaton would therefore stand as King Hez-e-ki'ah's signature to the copy-work done by his men, his scribes, to signify that the work had been completed. We find this trigrammaton affixed to the books of the Hebrew Bible through 2 Kings, namely, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, 2 Samuel and 2 Kings. Evidently after King Hez-e-ki'ah's death his trigrammaton got different forms and additions in the Hebrew manuscripts. Later writers and editors apparently lost the origin and meaning of the trigrammaton, and it has generally been translated to mean "Be strong!" as if it had been appended for the encouragement of subsequent copyists. See printed edition of the Hebrew text by the Soncino Press (1947, 1950, 1951); the Meier Halevy edition by the Hebrew Publishing Company, New York City; *Biblia Hebraica*, by Edward Van der Hooght, London, England (1825), Leipzig, Germany (1875); the Hebrew-Hispaniola text, Constantinople (1905); *The Twenty-four Books of the Holy Bible—Hebrew and English*, by Isaac Leeser.

*Pr 14:1
1Th 4:11
1Ti 5:10
Tit 2:4

k1K1 2:19
Ps 116:16
2Ti 1:5
nCa 7:1
Isa 62:4
rCa 6:9
Eph 5:27
s2K1 9:30
Isa 3:20
1Pe 3:3
tEs 1:11
Es 2:17
Pr 6:25
Eze 16:15
Jas 1:11
1Pe 1:24
uEc 7:18
Ro 2:29
1Pe 1:7
1Pe 3:4
vPs 128:2
Pr 11:30
yMr 14:9
Ac 9:39
Ro 16:1

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*1K1 8:1
1K1 8:22
Ec 7:27
Δ1K1 2:12
1Ch 29:23
2Ch 9:30
Ec 12:8
Ps 39:5
Ps 144:4
Isa 34:10
Isa 55:2
Hab 2:18
Mt 16:26
Joh 6:27
Ec 12:7
Isa 13:10
Ec 6:12
Ex 1:6
Nu 14:29
Ps 90:10
kPs 78:69
Ps 104:5
Ec 119:90
nPs 104:19
rGe 8:22
Ps 19:5
sEx 10:19
Job 37:17
Ps 78:26
tJoh 3:8
Isa 5:30
uGe 8:1
Ps 135:7
vNu 34:5
yJos 15:47
zJob 38:10

1 The words of the congregator,^b the son of David the king in Jerusalem.^a 2 "The greatest vanity!"^c the congregator^b has said, "the greatest vanity! Everything is vanity!"^d 3 What profit does a man^d have in all his toil at which he toils^e under the sun?^e 4 A generation^o is going and a generation is coming,^e but the earth^o is standing even to time indefinite.^k 5 And the sun^o also has flashed forth and the sun has set,ⁿ and it is coming panting to its place where it is going to flash forth.^r

6 The wind^f is going to the south and it is circling around to the north.^s Round and round it^s is continually circling,^t and right back to its circlings the wind^h is returning.

7 All the winter torrents^v are going forth to the sea,^v yet the sea itself is not full.^z To the place where the winter torrents are going forth, there they are returning so as to go forth.^a All

^a M, *Qo-hel'eth*. In Hebrew this is an active participle of the active verb *qa-hal'* (meaning "to congregate or assemble") and is in the feminine gender, although King Sol'o-mon applies it to himself.

^b Or, "assembler; convener; convoker." And so also Aq and Sym render it. M, *qo-hel'eth*; LXXVg, "ec-cle-si-as'tes," meaning "a member of an ec-cle-si-a [or, congregation; assembly]." ^c "The greatest vanity!" Literally, "Vanity of vanities," MLXXVgSy.

^d Or, "an earthling man." M, *ha-a-dam'*. ^e "Under the sun." This phrase occurs twenty-nine times in the book of Ecclesiastes. ^f "The wind." Literally, "It," M; and possibly referring to the sun in its movements southward and northward between the summer and winter solstices. ^g "It." Literally, "the wind"; but in our translation we have transferred the expression "the wind" to the beginning of the verse. ^h "The wind." M, *ha-ru'ahh*; LXX, to *pneu'ma*; compare Genesis 1:2, footnote d.

10 And anything that my eyes asked for I did not keep away from them.^a I did not hold back my heart from any sort of rejoicing,^a for my heart was joyful because of all my toil,^a and this came to be my portion from all my toil.^a
 11 And I, even I, turned toward all the works of mine that my hands had done and toward the toil that I had toiled to accomplish,^a and, look! everything was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing of advantage under the sun.^a

12 And I, even I, turned to see wisdom^a and madness and folly,^a for what can the earthling man do who comes in after the king? The thing that people have already done.^a 13 And I saw, even I, that there exists more advantage for wisdom than for folly,^k just as there is more advantage for light than for darkness.^c

14 As regards anyone wise, his eyes are in his head,^a but the stupid one is walking on in sheer darkness.^r And I have come to know, I too, that there is one eventuality that eventuates to them all.^s 15 And I myself said in my heart:^t "An eventuality like that upon the stupid one^u will eventuate to me, yes, me."^v Why, then, had I become wise,^v I overmuch so at that time? And I spoke in my heart: "This too is vanity."^w 16 For there is no more remembrance of the wise one than of the stupid one to time indefinite.^z In the days that are already coming in, everyone is certainly forgotten, and how will the wise one die? Along with the stupid one.^a

17 And I hated life,^a because the work that has been done under the sun was calamitous from my standpoint,^a for everything was vanity

zGe 3:6
Ge 8:2
Jg 14:2
Pr 23:5
Pr 27:20
1Jo 2:16
*Ec 11:9
Jer 17:9
*Ps 128:2
Ec 2:22
Ec 3:18
Ac 7:47
*Ps 147:5
Ec 3:22
Ec 9:9
Mt 6:29
*Ge 1:31
Ex 39:43
1Kl 6:1
1Kl 7:1
1Kl 9:1
Ec 1:14
*Ec 1:3
Ec 2:17
Mt 16:26
*Pr 2:2
1Co 3:19
*Ec 1:17
Ec 7:25
kPs 49:10
Ec 2:16
Ec 9:2
Ro 5:12
*Isa 5:20
nPr 4:25
Pr 23:26
rPr 17:24
Isa 60:2
Joh 3:19
1Jo 2:11
sPs 49:10
Ec 3:19
Ec 9:2
Ec 9:11
tPs 10:6
Ps 15:2
Ec 1:16
Ec 3:17
uPs 92:6
Pr 23:9
v1Kl 11:43
Ps 49:10
Mt 6:29
y1Kl 3:12
Lu 11:31
zEx 1:8
Ps 103:16
Ec 1:11
*Sa 6:33
Ec 6:8
Jer 17:11
Lu 12:20
Nu 11:15
1Kl 19:4
*Ec 1:14
2Ti 3:1

*Ec 5:16

*Ec 2:4
Ec 4:4
*1Kl 11:11
1Kl 11:43
Ps 17:14
Ps 39:6
Lu 12:20
*1Kl 12:14
1Kl 14:26
2Ch 10:13
*1Kl 7:2

k1Sa 27:1
Job 17:11
2Co 1:8

n1Kl 4:30
2Ch 1:12

r2Ch 9:31
Ec 2:18
sEc 5:16
tPs 127:2
Ec 1:3
Ec 3:9
Ec 4:8
Ec 5:16

uGe 47:9
Job 14:1
vGe 31:40
Es 6:1
Da 6:18
Mt 5:25
Lu 12:29
yDe 12:18

Ne 8:10
Ec 3:22
Ec 5:18
Ec 8:15
Ec 11:10
Ac 14:17
zPs 145:18
Ec 3:13
*1Kl 2:7
1Kl 4:7

m1Kl 10:21
*Ge 7:1
2Ch 31:3
Lu 1:6

and a striving after wind.^o 18 And I, even I, hated all the toil of mine in which I was toiling under the sun,^a that I would leave behind for the man who would come to be after me.^o 19 And who is there knowing whether he will prove to be wise or foolish?^a Yet he will take control over all my toil at which I toiled and at which I showed wisdom under the sun.^a This too is vanity.^a 20 And I myself turned around toward making my heart despair^k over all the toil at which I had toiled under the sun.^a 21 For there exists the man whose toil has been with wisdom and with knowledge and with proficiency,^a but to a man that has not toiled with such a thing will be given the portion of that one.^r This too is vanity and a big calamity.^a

22 For what does a man come to have^a for all his toil and for the striving of his heart with which he is toiling under the sun?^t 23 For all his days his occupation means pains and vexation,^u also during the night his heart just does not lie down.^v This too is mere vanity.

24 With a man there is nothing better [than] that he should eat and indeed drink and cause his soul to see good because of his toil.^y This too I have seen, even I, that this is from the hand of The [true] God.^z 25 For who eats^a and who drinks^c better than I do?^m

26 For to the man that is good before him^a he has given wisdom and knowledge and rejoic-

^a Literally, "what is there proving to be for the man?" The Hebrew verb here, *ho-veh*, is understood to be the root verb from which the divine name *Ye.ho.wah* is formed. ^b "The [true] God." M, *ha-Elo-him*; the title *Elo-him* being preceded by the definite article *ha* ("The") for emphasis. SyT, "Jehovah." Thus the equivalent of "Jehovah" does occur in the Syriac Version and the Jewish Targum of the book of Ecclesiastes. ^c "Drinks," LXXSy; "hastens," M.

ing,^a but to the sinner he has given the occupation of gathering and bringing together merely to give to the one that is good before The [true] God.^a This too is vanity and a striving after wind.*

3 For everything there is an appointed time,^a even a time^b for every affair under the heavens:^a a time for birth^m and a time to die;^a a time to plant and a time to uproot what was planted;^a a time to kill^k and a time to heal;^a a time to break down and a time to build;^a a time to weep^s and a time to laugh;^t a time to wail^u and a time to skip about;^v a time to throw stones away^y and a time to bring stones together;^m a time to embrace^l and a time to keep away from embracing;^z a time to seek and a time to give up as lost;^a a time to keep and a time to throw away;^z a time to rip apart and a time to sew together;^a a time to keep quiet^o and a time to speak;^a a time to love and a time to hate;^o a time for war^a and a time for peace.^a What advantage is there for the worker in what he is toiling at?^k

10 I have seen the occupation that God^e has given to the sons of mankind in which to be occupied.ⁿ Everything he has made well-arranged in its time.^r Even time indefinite he has put in their heart, that mankind^d may never find out the work that The [true] God^e has made from the start^f to the finish.^s I have

^a "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him'*; the title *El-o-him'* being preceded by the definite article *ha* ("The") for emphasis. SyT, "Jehovah." Thus the equivalent of "Jehovah" does occur in the Syriac Version and the Jewish Targum of the book of Ecclesiastes. ^b Or, "season"; or, "seasonable time." ^c "God." M, *El-o-him'*. ^d M, *ha-a-dam'*. ^e "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him'*; the definite article *ha* preceding the title *El-o-him'* for emphasis. ^f Literally, "head," M.

4Pr 2:6
Pr 3:13
Job 27:17
Pr 13:22
Ec 2:11
2K1 5:26
Ec 3:17
mGe 1:28
De 34:5
Joh 7:30
Jer 1:10
Jer 2:21
Mt 15:13
K1a 4:2
K1a 4:10
Eze 9:6
nJer 33:6
Re 22:2
rIsa 44:26
Jer 31:28
aJoh 16:20
2Co 7:11
tPs 126:2
uJer 25:34
vEx 15:20
yMt 24:2
m1K1 6:7
1Pe 2:5
lCa 2:6
1Co 7:3
zEx 19:15
Joh 20:17
*Ex 12:35
Isa 2:20
Jon 1:5
Heb 10:35
A2Sa 3:31
Ps 39:1
Pr 9:8
Isa 53:7
Es 4:14
Ps 145:11
2Ch 19:2
Mt 22:37
*Joe 3:9
Eph 6:13
Isa 2:4
Isa 26:12
kEc 1:3
Ec 5:16
nEc 2:26
Jas 1:17
rGe 1:31
De 32:4
sGe 1:1
Job 11:7

1Ps 37:3
Ec 3:22
Ec 9:9
Isa 64:5
Php 4:4
1Th 5:15
1Ti 6:18
uPs 128:2
Ec 5:18
Isa 65:22
vEc 2:24
yPs 33:11
Ps 119:90
Eph 3:11
zPr 30:6
Re 22:18
*Ps 64:9
Isa 59:19
Jer 10:7
Re 15:4
Ec 1:9
AEx 3:14
*1K1 21:10
Ps 58:2
Ps 82:2
Ps 94:21
Isa 59:14
Mic 2:2
Mic 7:3
Zep 3:3
Mt 26:59
*Ec 1:16
Ec 2:1
*Ps 98:9
Ec 12:14
Mt 25:32
Joh 5:29
Ac 17:31
Ro 2:6
2Co 5:10
*Jer 29:10
Da 12:4
2Pe 3:9
Re 11:18
Re 20:3
kPs 49:20
2Pe 2:12
nPs 49:12
Ps 89:48
rGe 6:17
Ge 7:15
Ge 7:22
Nu 16:22
Nu 27:16
Job 12:10
Ps 31:5
Ps 104:29
Ps 146:4
Ec 12:7
sEc 3:18

come to know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good during one's life,^t and also that every man^a should eat and indeed drink and see good for all his toil.^u It is the gift of God.^v

14 I have come to know that everything that The [true] God^b makes, it will prove to be to time indefinite.^y To it there is nothing to add and from it there is nothing to subtract,^z but The [true] God^b himself has made it, that people may be afraid on account of him.*

15 What has happened to be, it had already been, and what is to come to be has already proved to be;^z and The [true] God^b himself keeps seeking that which is pursued.

16 And I have further seen under the sun the place of judgment where there was wickedness and the place of righteousness where wickedness was.^a I myself have said in my heart:^o "The [true] God^b will judge both the righteous one and the wicked one," for there is a time for every affair and concerning every work there."^a

18 I, even I, have said in my heart with regard to the sons of mankind^a that The [true] God^b is going to select them, that they may see that they themselves are beasts.^k For there is an eventuality as respects the sons of mankind^a and an eventuality as respects the beast, and they have the same eventuality.ⁿ As the one dies, so the other dies; and they all have but one spirit,^r so that there is no superiority of the man^a over the beast,^s for everything is vanity.

^a M, *ha-a-dam'*. ^b "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him'*; the definite article *ha* ("The") preceding the title *El-o-him'* for emphasis. ^c Or, "breath." M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *pneuma*.

²⁰ All are going to one place.^t They have all come to be from the dust,^u and they are all returning to the dust.^v ²¹ Who is there knowing the spirit^a of the sons of mankind,^b whether it is ascending upward; and the spirit^a of the beast, whether it is descending downward to the earth?^y ²² And I have seen that there is nothing better than that the man should rejoice in his works,^z for that is his portion; because who will bring him in to look on what is going to be after him?^{*}

4 And I myself returned that I might see all the acts of oppression[□] that are being done under the sun and, look! the tears of those being oppressed,^Δ but they had no comforter;^Δ and on the side of their oppressors there was power, so that they had no comforter. ² And I congratulated the dead who had already died rather than the living who were still alive.^{*} ³ So better than both of them [is] the one that has not yet come to be,^Δ who has not seen the calamitous work that is being done under the sun.^{*}

⁴ And I myself have seen all the toil and all the proficiency in work,ⁿ that it means the rivalry of one^c toward another;^r this also is vanity and a striving after the wind.^{as}

⁵ The stupid one is folding his hands^t and is eating his own flesh.^u

⁶ Better is a handful of rest than a double handful of toil and striving after the wind.^v

⁷ I myself returned that I might see the vanity under the sun:^y ⁸ There exists one, but not a second one;^z also no son or brother does he have,^{*} but there is no end to all his toil. Also his eyes themselves are not satisfied with

JOb 33:18
Ps 30:9
Ec 9:10
Ac 2:29
Ec 12:7
uGe 1:24
Ge 2:7
vGe 3:19
Job 10:9
Job 34:15
yPs 146:4
Ec 3:19
Ec 9:10
zDe 12:7
De 28:11
Ec 2:24
Ec 5:18
Php 4:4
*Job 14:21
Ec 6:12
Ec 10:14
□De 24:14
Job 35:9
Pr 14:31
Am 4:1
Mic 2:2
ΔDe 24:15
Ps 42:9
Jas 5:4
ΔPs 69:20
Ps 142:4
Mt 26:56
*Job 3:17
Ec 2:17
eJob 3:11
Job 10:18
Ec 6:3
Jer 20:18
ΔPs 55:9
Ec 1:14
Jer 9:3
Ho 4:2
nEc 2:21
rGe 4:5
1Sa 18:8
1Sa 18:15
Mt 27:18
Jas 4:5
1Jo 3:12
sEc 1:14
Ec 6:9
Pr 6:10
Pr 20:4
Pr 24:33
uJob 13:14
Isa 9:20
vPs 37:16
Pr 15:16
Pr 16:8
Pr 17:1
yPs 78:33
zGe 2:18
Ec 2:9
Ge 15:2

ΔPr 27:20
Ec 1:8
Ec 5:10
1Jo 2:16
ΔPs 39:6
Lu 12:20
Jas 4:14
*Ec 2:23
ΔGe 2:18
Ec 4:14
1Sa 23:16
Pr 27:17
*Joh 4:36
*Job 4:4
Isa 35:3
Lu 22:32
Ga 6:1
1Th 5:11
Jas 5:14
kGe 4:8
2Sa 14:6
n1K1 1:2

rGe 14:16
Isa 43:5
sEph 4:3

cIsa 8:18
tPr 19:1
Pr 28:6
Ec 9:15
uPr 28:16
v1K1 22:8
2Ki 16:10
2Ch 24:21
2Ch 25:16
yGe 41:14
Ge 41:40
zIsa 2:8
Job 5:11
Job 36:7
Ps 113:8
*Ge 27:41
2Sa 15:6
Δ2Sa 15:12
1K1 1:40
Δ2Sa 19:10
Jer 22:19
ΔEc 2:11
*Job 23:11
Ps 26:12
Ps119:105
Pr 1:15
Pr 19:2
eDe 31:12
Jer 7:23
Jas 1:19

riches:^Δ "And for whom am I toiling and causing my soul to lack in good things?"^Δ This too is vanity and it is a calamitous occupation.^{*}

⁹ Two are better than one,^Δ because they have a good reward for their toil.^{*} ¹⁰ For if one of them should fall, the other one can raise his partner up.^{*} But how will it be with just the one^a who falls when there is not another to raise him up?^k

¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, then they will certainly get warm; but how can just one keep warm?ⁿ ¹² And if somebody could overpower one alone, two together could make a stand against him.^r And a threefold cord cannot quickly be torn in two.^s

¹³ Better is a needy but wise child^{Δt} than an old but stupid king,^u who has not come to know enough to be warned any longer.^v ¹⁴ For he has gone forth from the prison house itself to become king,^y although in the kingship of this one he had been born as one of little means.^z ¹⁵ I have seen all those alive who are walking about under the sun, how it goes with the child, who is second, that stands up in the other one's place.^{*} ¹⁶ There is no end to all the people, to all those before whom he^b happened to be;[□] neither will people afterward rejoice in him,^Δ for this too is vanity and a striving after the wind.^Δ

5 Guard your feet^t whenever you go to the house of The [true] God;^c and let there be a drawing near^d to hear,^e rather than to give

^a Or, "But woe to just the one!" ^b Or, "they," that is, the people. ^c "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him*; the Hebrew definite article *ha* ("The") preceding the title *El-o-him* for emphasis. ^d "Let there be a drawing near." The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive absolute and hence is impersonal and indefinite as to time.

^a Or, "breath." M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *pneu'ma*. ^b M, *ha-a-dam*. ^c M, *ish*.

a sacrifice as the stupid ones do,* for they are not aware of doing what is bad.^a

2 Do not hurry yourself as regards your mouth; and as for your heart,^c let it not be hasty to bring forth a word before The [true] God.^b For The [true] God^b is in the heavens^k but you are on the earth. That is why your words should prove to be few.ⁿ ^a For a dream certainly comes in because of abundance of occupation, and the voice of a stupid one because of the abundance of words.^r ^a Whenever you vow a vow^o to God, do not hesitate to pay it,^s for there is no delight in the stupid ones.^t What you vow, pay.^u ^a Better is it that you vow not than that you vow and do not pay.^v ^a Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh^e to sin,^{cy} neither say before the angel^{dz} that it was a mistake.^o Why should The [true] God^b become indignant on account of your voice and have to wreck the work of your hands?^q ^a For because of abundance [of occupation] there are dreams,^a and there are vanities when words are multiplied. But fear The [true] God^b himself.^o

8 If you see any oppression of the one of little means and the violent taking away of judgment and of righteousness in a jurisdictional district,^a do not be amazed over the affair,^o for one that is higher than the high one^{*} is watching,^o and there are those who are high above them.^o

9 Also, the profit of the earth is among them

^a With this verse, verse 17 in M, chapter 4 ends in MLXXVgSyT.
^b "The [true] God." M, *ha-Elohim*; the Hebrew definite article *ha* ("The") preceding the title *Elohim* for emphasis. ^c "Do not allow the word of your mouth to determine the judgment of Gehenna upon your flesh," T. ^d "Angel," MVgT; "God," LXXSy. ^e Or, "and there is the Supreme One above them."

*Isa 13:12
Isa 15:22
2Ch 26:16
Isa 1:12
1Co 11:22
Isa 6:10
Nu 30:2
Isa 14:24
kPs 115:3
Isa 55:9
Mt 6:9
nPr 10:19
Mt 6:7
Jas 3:2
rPr 15:2
Ec 10:14
sDe 23:21
Ps 50:14
Ps 78:11
Isa 19:21
Mt 5:33
Isa 19:21
tEc 10:12
uPs 66:13
Ps 116:18
Jon 2:9
vDe 23:22
Pr 20:25
Ac 5:4
Isa 9:20
yJas 1:26
Jas 3:2
oEc 10:5
zHo 12:4
Ac 7:30
Le 5:4
Hag 1:11
2Jo 8
AEc 5:3
Ps 33:8
Pr 23:17
Ec 7:18
Ec 12:13
Ps 12:5
Pr 17:23
Pr 24:23
Pr 31:5
Ec 3:16
Ec 4:1
Hab 1:13
Jas 5:4
oJo 3:13
xPs 83:18
Isa 57:15
*1Ki 21:19
Ps 12:5
Am 5:12

kGe 1:29
Ps 104:14
Pr 27:26
Pr 28:19
n2Ki 9:25
1Ch 27:26
Pr 31:16
rMt 6:24
Lu 12:15
1Ti 6:10
sEc 2:11
Ec 4:8
tEc 12:16
Ne 5:17
Ne 5:18
uJos 7:21
Pr 11:4
Pr 23:5
1Jo 2:16
vPs 4:8
Ps 127:2
Pr 3:24
Jer 31:26
zEc 4:8
Ec 6:1
*Pr 1:19
Pr 11:24
Lu 12:21
Lu 18:24
1Ti 6:9
Jas 5:3
cJob 27:17
Ps 39:6
Pr 23:5
Mt 6:19
oIsa 20:2
*1Ki 14:26
Ps 109:10
Job 1:21
*Ps 49:17
Lu 12:20
1Ti 6:7
*Ec 2:21
Ec 5:13
*Ec 5:15
*Isa 12:21
Pr 11:29
Jer 2:8
Ho 8:7
Mr 8:36
kGe 3:17
Ps 78:33
Ps 102:9
Eze 4:16
rEc 2:24
Ec 3:13
Ec 3:22
Ec 9:7
Isa 65:22
1Ti 6:17

all;^k for a field the king himself has been served.ⁿ

10 A mere lover of silver will not be satisfied with silver, neither any lover of wealth with income.^{ar} This too is vanity.^o

11 When good things become many, those eating them certainly become many.^t And what advantage is there to the grand owner of them, except looking [at them] with his eyes?^u

12 Sweet is the sleep^v of the one serving, regardless of whether it is little or much that he eats; but the plenty belonging to the rich one is not permitting him to sleep.

13 There exists a grave calamity that I have seen under the sun:^a riches being kept for their grand owner^b to his calamity.^c ^a And those riches have perished^d because of a calamitous occupation, and he has become father to a son when there is nothing at all in his hand.^a

15 Just as one has come forth from his mother's belly, naked^e will one go away again, just as one came;^f and nothing at all can one carry away^g for his toil, which he can take along with his hand.

16 And this too is a grave calamity:^o exactly as one has come, so one will go away;^h and what profit is there to the one who keeps toiling for the wind?ⁱ ^a Also, all his days he eats in darkness itself,^k with a great deal of vexation, with sickness on his part and [cause for] indignation.

18 Look! the best thing that I myself have seen, which is beautiful, is that one should eat and drink and see good for all his toil^l with which he toils under the sun for the number

^a Or, literally, "and who is setting his love on wealthiness with no income [revenue]?" ^b "Grand owner." M, *ba'elim*.

of the days of his life that The [true] God^a has given him, for that is his portion. ¹⁹ Also every man^b to whom The [true] God^a has given riches and material possessions,^c he has even empowered him to eat from it^u and to carry off his portion and to rejoice in his toil.^v This is the gift of God.^y ²⁰ For not often will he remember the days of his life, because The [true] God^a is preoccupying^c [him] with the rejoicing of his heart.^z

6 There exists a calamity that I have seen under the sun,^a and it is frequent among mankind:^b ² a man^d to whom The [true] God^a gives riches and material possessions and glory^c and who, for his soul, is in no need of anything that he shows himself longing for,^d and yet The [true] God^a does not enable him to eat from it, although a mere foreigner may eat it.^e This is vanity and it is a severe malady. ³ If a man^d should become a father a hundred times^f and he should live many years, though numerous the days of his years should become,^g yet his own soul is not satisfied with good things and even the grave has not become his.^h I must say that one prematurely born is better off than he is.ⁱ ⁴ For in vain has this one come and in darkness he goes away, and with darkness his own name will be covered.^k ⁵ Even the sun itself he has not seen, neither known.ⁿ This one has rest rather than the former one.^r ⁶ Even supposing that he has lived a thousand^s years twice over and yet he has not seen what is good,^t is it not

^a "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him'*; the Hebrew definite article *ha* preceding the title *El-o-him'* for emphasis. ^b M, *ha-a-dam'*. ^c Or, possibly, "answering," according to another derivation of the Hebrew verb. ^d "Man." M, *ish*.

tGe 31:9
Ex 3:22
De 6:11
De 8:18
1Ki 3:13
Job 42:10
uDe 8:9
Job 42:11
vPs 109:28
Isa 65:14
Joh 4:36
yEc 3:13
Ec 6:2
zDe 28:8
Ps 4:7
Isa 65:23
*Ec 5:13
=1Ki 3:13
2Ch 29:25
dDe 8:9
Jg 18:10
eDe 28:33
De 28:43
Ps 39:6
La 5:2
Ho 7:9
2Ki 10:1
2Ch 11:21
Es 5:11
eJob 47:9
2Ki 9:35
Es 7:10
Isa 14:19
Jer 22:19
Jer 36:30
=Job 3:16
Ps 58:8
Ec 4:3
Mt 26:24
kPs 109:13
nJob 3:11
Ps 58:8
rJob 3:13
Job 14:1
sGe 5:27
Isa 65:22
tJob 7:7
Ps 4:6
Ps 34:12
Jer 17:6

uJob 30:23
Ec 3:20
Eze 18:4
Ro 5:12
vGe 3:19
Pr 16:26
Mt 6:25
Joh 6:27
yEc 2:15
zNu 11:4
1Ti 6:8
Jas 4:2
*Ec 4:4
Ec 1:9
Ec 3:15
dGe 2:7
Ps 49:20
Ps 103:15
eJob 9:3
Job 9:32
Isa 45:9
Ro 9:20
*Ec 1:17
Ec 2:11
Ec 4:4
Ec 5:8
Ec 5:7
ePs 4:6
Ps 16:5
Ps 84:10
Ec 12:13
La 3:26
Mic 6:8
*1Ch 29:15
Job 8:9
Ps 102:11
Ps 144:4
Jas 4:14
*Job 14:21
Pr 27:1
Ec 8:7
Jas 4:14
kPr 22:1
Lu 10:20
nEc 7:8
Re 2:10
rIsa 5:12
Am 6:6
Mt 5:4
1Pe 4:3
tPs 119:71
Ps 126:6
Lu 6:21
Joh 16:22
u2Co 4:17
2Co 7:10
Heb 12:11
vNe 9:1
Da 9:3
yIsa 25:36
Da 5:1
Mr 6:21

to just one place that everyone is going?^u

7 All the toil of mankind^a is for their mouth,^v but even their own soul does not get filled. ² For what advantage does the wise have over the stupid one?^y What does the afflicted one have in knowing how to walk in front of the living ones? ³ Better is the seeing by the eyes than the walking about of the soul.^z This too is vanity and a striving after the wind.^a

10 Whatever has come to be, its name has already been pronounced,^a and it has become known what man^c is;^a and he is not able to plead his cause with one that is more powerful than he is.^d

11 Because there exist many things that are causing much vanity,^e what advantage does a man^a have? ¹² For who is there knowing what good a man^a has in life^o for the number of the days of his vain life, when he spends them like a shadow?^f For who can tell man^a what will happen after him under the sun?^g

7 A name is better than good oil,^k and the day of death than the day of one's being born.ⁿ ² Better is it to go to the house of mourning than to go to the banquet house,^r because that is the end of all mankind;^a and the one alive should take [it] to his heart. ³ Better is vexation than laughter,^t for by the crossness of the face the heart becomes better.^u ⁴ The heart of the wise ones is in the house of mourning,^v but the heart of the stupid ones is in the house of rejoicing.^y

5 Better is it to hear the rebuke of someone

^a M, *ha-a-dam'*. ^b Or, "soulful desire." ^c Or, "earthling man." M, *a-dam'*.

wise^a than to be the man^a hearing the song of the stupid ones.* ⁹For as the sound of thorns under the pot, so is the laughter of the stupid one;^a and this too is vanity. ⁷For mere oppression may make a wise one act crazy,⁹ and a gift⁹ can destroy the heart.⁹

⁸Better is the end afterward of a matter than its beginning.⁹ Better is one who is patient^b than one who is haughty in spirit.* ⁹Do not hurry yourself in your spirit to become offended,⁹ for the taking of offense is what rests in the bosom of the stupid ones.^k

¹⁰Do not say: "Why has it happened that the former days proved to be better than these?"ⁿ for it is not due to wisdom^r that you have asked about this.

¹¹Wisdom along with a possession is good^a and is advantageous^c for those seeing the sun.^t ¹²For wisdom is for a protection^{du} [the same as] money is for a protection;^v but the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom itself preserves alive its owners.^y

¹³See the work of The [true] God,^{ez} for who is able to make straight what he has made crooked?¹⁴ On a good day prove yourself to be in goodness,⁹ and on a calamitous day see that The [true] God^e has made even this exactly as that,^a to the intent that mankind^f may not discover anything at all after them.⁹

¹⁵Everything I have seen during my vain days.⁹ There exists the righteous one perishing

zPs 141:5
Pr 13:13
Pr 15:31
Re 3:19
*Ps 69:12
*Pr 29:9
*De 28:34
*Ex 23:8
De 16:19
Isa 8:3
Pr 17:23
*Eze 20:26
*Job 42:12
Ec 7:1
*Ps 138:6
Jas 4:6
Jas 5:8
1Pe 5:5
*Es 3:5
Pr 14:17
Pr 16:32
Jas 1:19
kGe 4:5
Mr 6:19
nJg 6:13
Jer 44:17
*Pr 28:26
sIKl 3:12
IKl 3:13
ITl 6:17
*Ec 11:7
uPr 2:7
Pr 2:11
Isa 33:6
*Pr 30:8
Ac 11:29
yDe 32:47
Pr 3:18
Pr 8:35
Pr 9:11
Joh 17:3
zPs 8:3
*Isa 14:27
*De 28:47
Ps 30:11
Ec 3:4
Joh 16:22
Jas 5:13
*De 8:3
IKl 8:47
2Ch 33:12
Ps 94:12
Isa 22:12
Isa 45:7
*Pr 27:1
Jas 4:14
*Isa 2:2
*Ps 39:2

^a "Man." M, *ish*. ^b Literally, "long in spirit." M. ^c Or, "Wisdom [compared] with a possession is better and is more profitable." ^d Literally, "shadow." M, *tsel*. ^e "The [true] God." M, *ha-Elo-him'*; the Hebrew definite article *ha* preceding the title *Elo-him'* for emphasis. ^f M, *ha-a-dam'*.

*Ge 4:8
Isa 22:18
IKl 21:13
Ec 3:16
Ec 8:14
Mt 23:34
Joh 16:2
*Job 21:7
Jer 12:1
2Pe 3:15
*Isa 65:5
Mt 6:1
Lu 18:9
Ro 10:2
kPr 3:7
Ro 11:25
nPr 16:18
Mt 23:38
rEze 8:17
Jas 1:21
1Pe 4:15
*Ps 14:1
tIsa 25:38
Ps 55:23
Pr 10:27
uLu 11:42
vPs 145:19
Mal 4:2
y2Sa 20:22
Pr 21:22
Pr 24:5
zIKl 8:46
2Ch 6:36
Ps 130:3
Ps 143:2
Pr 10:9
Isa 53:6
Ro 3:23
Jas 3:2
1Jo 1:8
*Le 19:16
Isa 24:9
*2Sa 16:10
*Mt 18:35
Jas 3:2
Jas 3:9
*De 29:29
Job 28:12
*Job 11:7
Ps 36:6
Ps 139:6
Isa 55:9
Ro 11:33
*Ec 1:13
Ec 2:1
Ec 2:20
*Ec 1:17
*Ec 8:16
*Ec 7:27
kPs 49:13
nEc 2:12
Ec 9:3
rJg 16:18

in his righteousness,⁹ and there exists the wicked one continuing long in his badness.⁹

¹⁶Do not become righteous overmuch,⁹ nor show yourself excessively wise.^k Why should you cause desolation to yourself?ⁿ ¹⁷Do not be wicked overmuch,^r nor become foolish.⁹ Why should you die when it is not your time?^t ¹⁸It is better that you should take hold of the one, but from the other also do not withdraw your hand;^u for he that fears God will go forth with them all.^v

¹⁹Wisdom itself is stronger for the wise one than ten men in power who happened to be in a city.^y ²⁰For there is no man righteous in the earth that keeps doing good and does not sin.^z

²¹Also, do not give your heart to all the words that people may speak,⁹ that you may not hear your servant calling down evil upon you.⁹ ²²For your own heart well knows even many times that you, even you, have called down evil upon others.^a

²³All this I have tested with wisdom. I said: "I will become wise." But it was far from me.⁹ ²⁴What has come to be is far off and exceedingly deep. Who can find it out?⁹ ²⁵I myself turned around, even my heart did,⁹ to know and to explore and to search for wisdom^x and the reason of things,⁹ and to know about the wickedness of stupidity^k and the foolishness of madness;ⁿ ²⁶and I was finding out: More bitter than death [I found] the woman who is herself nets for hunting and whose heart is dragnets [and] whose hands are fetters.^r One is good before The [true] God^a if one escapes from her, but

^a "The [true] God." M, *ha-Elo-him'*; the Hebrew definite article *ha* preceding the title *Elo-him'* for emphasis.

one is sinning if one is captured by her.^t

27 "See! This I have found," said^a the congregator,^{bu} "one thing [taken] after another, to find out the sum-up,^v ²⁸ which my soul has continuously sought, but I have not found. One man out of a thousand I have found,^v but a woman among all these I have not found. ²⁹ See! This only I have found, that The [true] God^c made mankind^d upright,^{*} but they themselves have sought out many plans."²

8 Who is there like the wise one?^a And who is there knowing the interpretation of a thing?^o The wisdom of a man itself causes his face to shine, and even the sternness of his face is changed [for the better].^{*}

2 I [say:] "Keep the very order of the king,^o and that out of regard for the oath^o of God.^{*} Do not hurry yourself, that you may go out from before him.^o Do not stand in a bad thing.^k For all that he delights in he will do,ⁿ ⁴ because the word of the king is the power of control;^{*} and who may say to him: 'What are you doing?' "⁵

5 He that is keeping the commandment will not know any calamitous thing,^t and the wise heart will know both time and judgment.^u ⁶ For there exists a time and judgment even for every affair,^v because the calamity of mankind^d is abundant upon them.^v ⁷ For there is no one knowing what will come to be,^z because who

^a The Hebrew verb here is in the feminine gender to agree with "congregator" (*qo-hel'eth*), which is also in the feminine gender. See the book's title, footnote a. ^b "Congregator." M, *qo-hel'eth*. See Ecclesiastes 1:1, footnote b. ^c "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him'*; the Hebrew definite article *ha* preceding the title *El-o-him'* for emphasis. ^d "Mankind." M, *ha-a-dam'*.

Pr 22:14
u1K1 8:1
1K1 8:22
2Ch 5:3
2Ch 6:3
Ec 1:1
Ec 1:12
vEc 7:25
yJob 33:23
*Ge 1:26
Ge 1:31
De 32:4
Ge 3:6
Ge 6:12
Ge 11:4
De 32:5
Jer 2:13
Mr 7:9
Pr 1:5
Pr 3:35
Pr 13:20
Pr 15:7
Pr 15:31
*Ge 40:8
Job 33:23
Da 2:30
*Pr 4:8
Pr 17:24
Pr 24:5
Ac 4:29
*Jer 11:5
*Pr 24:21
Tit 3:1
1Pe 2:13
*2Sa 5:3
1K1 2:43
*Ec 10:4
k1K1 1:49
nPr 30:31
Da 5:19
r1K1 2:25
1K1 2:46
Pr 20:2
Da 3:15
sJob 9:12
Da 4:35
tPs 119:6
Lu 20:25
1Pe 3:13
u1Ch 12:32
Lu 12:56
1Co 2:15
Col 1:9
vEc 3:17
yDe 32:35
Pr 6:15
zPr 24:22

can tell him just how it will come to be?

8 There is no man having power over the spirit^a to restrain the spirit;^a neither is there any power of control in the day of death;^o nor is there any discharge in the war.^a And wickedness will provide no escape for those indulging in it.^b

9 All this I have seen, and there was an applying^c of my heart to every work that has been done under the sun,^{*} [during] the time that man^d has dominated man to his injury.^o ¹⁰ But, though this is so, I have seen the wicked ones being buried,^{*} how they came in and how they would go away from the holy place itself and be forgotten in the city where they acted that way.^{*} This too is vanity.

11 Because sentence against a bad work has not been executed speedily,^k that is why the heart of the sons of men^d has become fully set in them to do bad.ⁿ ¹² Although a sinner may be doing bad^r a hundred times and continuing a long time as he pleases, yet I am also aware that it will turn out well with those fearing The [true] God,^{es} because they were in fear of him.^t ¹³ But it will not turn out well at all with the wicked one,^u neither will he prolong his days that are like a shadow,^v because he is not in fear of God.^v

14 There exists a vanity that is carried out on the earth, that there exist righteous ones to

*Job 34:14
Ec 3:21
*Ps 89:48
*De 20:3
Eph 6:13
*Ps 9:17
Ps 52:5
Pr 14:32
Isa 28:18
*Ec 4:7
*Ex 1:14
2K1 25:7
Mic 7:3
*2Sa 2:5
2K1 9:34
2Ch 28:27
*Pr 10:7
Ec 9:5
kEx 8:15
Ps 10:6
Isa 50:21
Jer 48:11
Mt 24:48
nJer 44:17
r1K1 2:5
1K1 21:25
Ro 9:22
*Ps 37:11
Ps 37:18
Ps 112:1
Ps 115:13
Pr 1:33
Isa 3:10
Isa 65:13
Mt 25:34
t1Sa 12:24
Ps 25:14
Ps 34:9
Ps 103:13
uJob 18:5
Ps 11:5
Ps 37:10
Isa 57:21
Mt 25:46
v2Pe 2:3
yPs 36:1

^a Or, "breath." M, *ru'ahh*; LXX, *pneu'ma*. ^b Literally, "for the owners [b'*a-lim'*] of it," M. ^c "And there was an applying." The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive absolute and therefore impersonal and indefinite as to time. ^d M, *ha-a-dam'*. ^e "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him'*; the Hebrew definite article *ha* preceding the title *El-o-him'* for emphasis.

whom it is happening as if for the work of the wicked ones,^z and there exist wicked ones to whom it is happening as if for the work of the righteous ones.^{*} I said that this too is vanity.

15 And I myself commended rejoicing^q because mankind^a have nothing better under the sun than to eat and drink and rejoice, and that it should accompany them in their toil for the days of their life,^o which The [true] God^b has given them under the sun.^A ¹⁶ In accord with this I applied my heart^{*} to know wisdom and to see the occupation that is carried on in the earth,^o because there is one seeing no sleep with his eyes, either by day or by night.^o

17 And I saw all the work of The [true] God,^b how mankind^a are not able to find out the work that has been done under the sun;^k however much mankind^a keep working hard to seek, yet they do not find out. And even if they should say they are wise enough to know,ⁿ they would be unable to find out.^r

9 For I took all this to my heart, even to search out all this,^s that the righteous ones and the wise ones and their works are in the hand of The [true] God.^{bt} Mankind^a are not aware of either the love or the hate that were all prior to them. ² All are the same in what all have.^u One eventuality^v there is to the righteous one^v and the wicked one,^z the good one and the clean one and the unclean one, and the one sacrificing and the one that is not sacrificing. The good one is the same as the sinner;^{*} the one swearing is the same as whoever has been afraid

^a M, *ha-a-dam*. ^b "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him*; the Hebrew definite article *ha* preceding the title *El-o-him* for emphasis.

zEc 7:15
Mt 27:22

*Ps 73:12
Mal 3:15

De 28:47
Ne 8:12

Ps 100:2
Ec 3:12

Ec 3:22
Ec 2:24

Ec 5:18
1Ti 6:17

Ec 1:3
Pr 4:23

Pr 14:33
Pr 15:28

Pr 22:17
Ec 7:25

Ec 8:9
Ec 1:13

Isa 41:5
Ec 3:40

Ps 127:2
Pr 6:4

Ec 2:23
*Ge 1:1

Ps 104:24
Ps 146:6

kJob 5:9
Job 11:7

Ps 40:5
Ec 3:11

Ec 11:5
Ro 11:33

nPr 3:7
Pr 26:5

rEc 7:24
sEc 1:17

Ec 7:25
Ec 8:16

Ec 12:9
tDe 33:3

1Sa 2:9
Job 5:8

Ps 31:5
Ps 37:5

Pr 3:6
Isa 26:12

Jer 1:19
Joh 10:28

uEc 5:9
Ac 17:25

vEc 3:19
yNu 23:10

zSa 4:11
zJob 3:17

Ec 8:10
*Mt 9:13

Ro 5:12

1Sa 14:26
Ec 2:15

Ge 6:5
Ge 8:21

Ec 8:11
Ec 7:25

2Ki 18:19
1Sa 17:43

2Ki 8:13
2Pe 2:22

*Ps 7:2
Pr 30:30

Jer 49:19
Isa 58:10

kGe 3:19
Ge 47:30

Nu 16:29
Isa 26:10

Ec 7:17
Ro 5:12

Isa 4:3
Isa 8:19

nPs 6:5
Ps 115:17

Ps 146:4
rJob 7:10

Ps 109:15
Ec 2:16

sJob 3:17
Job 3:18

Ps 1:6
tEc 9:10

uDe 12:7
De 16:15

1Ki 8:66
Ne 8:12

Ec 2:24
yGe 4:4

Ac 10:31
Heb 11:5

zRe 3:5
Re 7:9

Ro 7:14
Re 19:8

*Da 10:3
Mt 6:17

Ec 5:18
Ec 2:24

Ec 5:15
Ec 11:28

2Ch 31:21
Isa 5:13

Isa 10:13
Isa 5:14

Ps 6:5
Ps 115:17

Joh 11:11

of a sworn oath.^o ³ This is what is calamitous in all that has been done under the sun, that, because there is one eventuality to all,^a the heart of the sons of men^a is also full of bad,^o and there is madness^{*} in their heart during their lifetime, and after it—to the dead ones.

4 For as respects whoever is joined^b to all the living there exists confidence,^o because a live dog^o is better off than a dead lion.^o ⁵ For the living^o are conscious that they will die;^k but as for the dead,^o they are conscious of nothing at all,ⁿ neither do they any more have wages, because the remembrance of them has been forgotten.^r ⁶ Also their love and their hate and their jealousy have already perished,^s and they have no portion any more to time indefinite in anything that has to be done under the sun.^t

7 Go, eat your food^c with rejoicing and drink your wine with a good heart,^u because already The [true] God^d has found pleasure in your work.^v ⁸ On every occasion let your garments prove to be white^z and let oil not be lacking upon your head.^{*} ⁹ See life with the wife whom you love^o all the days of your vain life that He has given you under the sun, all the days of your vanity, for that is your portion in life^a and in your toil with which you are toiling under the sun.^o ¹⁰ All that your hand^o finds to do, do with your very power;^{*} for there is no work nor devising nor knowledge^o nor wisdom^o in She'ol,^o the place to which you are going.^o

^a M, *ha-a-dam*. ^b "Joined," M marginal reading and many Hebrew manuscripts and LXXSy. ^c Literally, "bread," M. ^d "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him*; the Hebrew definite article *ha* preceding the title *El-o-him* for emphasis. ^e M, *sh'öl*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *in-fere-ri*; T, "the house of the grave."

11 I returned to see^a under the sun that the swift do not have the race,^b nor the mighty ones the battle,^k nor do the wiseⁿ also have the food,^b nor do the understanding ones also have the riches,^m nor do even those having knowledge have the favor;^r because time and unforeseen occurrence befall them all.^s 12 For man^c also does not know his time.^t Just like fishes^o that are being taken in an evil net^u and like birds that are being taken in a trap,^v so the sons of men^c themselves are being ensnared at a calamitous time,^y when it falls upon them suddenly.^z

13 Also this I saw as respects wisdom under the sun^a—and it^d was great to me: 14 There was a little city and the men^e in it were few, and there came to it a great king and he surrounded it and built against it great strongholds.^q 15 And there was found in it a man,^f needy [but]^g wise, and that one provided escape for the city by his wisdom.^a But no men remembered that needy man.^h 16 And I myself said: "Wisdom is better than mightiness,^r but the wisdom of the needy one is despised and his words are not listened to."^o

17 The words of the wise ones in quietness are more to be heard^x than the cry of one ruling among stupid people.ⁿ

18 Wisdom is better than implements for fighting,^r and merely one sinner can destroy much good.^s

^a "To see." The Hebrew verb here is in the infinitive absolute and so is impersonal and indefinite as to time. ^b Literally, "bread," M. ^c M, *ha-a-dam*. ^d "It." In feminine gender, evidently referring to wisdom, the adjective "great" also being feminine, as "wisdom" is. ^e M, *a-nu-shim*; the plural number of *ish*. ^f M, *ish*. ^g "But," VgT and many Hebrew manuscripts.

*Ec 4:1
2Sa 2:19
2Sa 2:23
Jer 46:6
Am 2:14
k1Sa 17:50
Ps 33:16
nJer 9:23
m1Sa 25:2
1Sa 25:25
2Sa 17:23
1Sa 2:11
1Sa 6:9
2Sa 18:9
Eze 38:20
tEc 8:8
Lu 19:42
uHab 1:15
vPr 7:23

yJob 18:10
Lu 21:34
ZTi 2:26
zPr 6:15
1Th 5:3
*Ec 6:1
Ec 7:16
Ec 9:11

2Sa 20:15
2K1 6:24
2Sa 20:22
Ge 40:23
Ps 31:12
Pr 21:22
Pr 24:5
Ec 7:19
Ec 9:18
EPr 10:15
Mr 6:3
Joh 7:48
Joh 9:34
1Co 1:27
*Ge 41:39
Pr 22:17
Da 12:3
nNu 14:22
Ps 106:25
Jer 7:24
Jer 44:5
rEc 9:16
sJos 22:20
2Sa 20:1
Mt 26:14
Ga 5:9

tEx 30:35
uNu 20:12
2Sa 12:14
2Ch 19:2
vPr 14:8
Pr 15:28
Lu 14:28
yPr 17:16
Ec 10:14
zPr 10:18
Pr 10:23
Pr 18:6
Pr 20:3
Ec 5:3
1Pe 4:4
*Pr 13:16
Pr 18:2
Pr 29:11
1K1 2:36
Ec 8:3
1Sa 25:24
Pr 25:15
Ec 5:13
Ec 6:1
Ec 9:3
*Le 4:13
1Sa 26:21
Ec 3:16
Isa 3:12
1K1 12:14
Pr 28:12
Ec 4:13
2Sa 3:39
Pr 19:10
Pr 30:22
Isa 3:5
2Sa 17:23
Es 7:10
Ps 7:15
Ps 7:16
Ps 9:15
Pr 26:27
Isa 8:14
kAm 5:19
Am 9:3
rNu 35:22
De 19:5

s1Sa 13:20
Pr 27:17
tGe 41:33
Jos 1:8
1Ch 12:32
Ec 9:16
Mt 10:16
Ac 6:3
uPs 58:5
Isa 19:3

10 Dead flies^a are what cause the oil of the ointment maker^t to stink, to bubble forth. [So] a little foolishness does to one who is precious owing to wisdom and glory.^u

2 The heart of the wise is at his right hand,^v but the heart of the stupid at his left hand.^y

3 And he that is also in the way like that in which the foolish is walking,^z his own heart^b is lacking, and he certainly says to everybody that he is foolish.^a

4 If the spirit of a ruler should mount up against you, do not leave your own place,^c for calmness itself allays great sins.^a

5 There exists something calamitous that I have seen under the sun,^d as when there is a mistake^e going forth on account of the one in power:^f Foolishness^g has been put in many high positions,^h but the rich ones themselves keep dwelling merely in a low condition.

7 I have seen servants on horses but princes walking on the earth just like servants.^a

8 He that is digging a pit will himself fall right into it;^b and he that is breaking through a stone wall, a serpent will bite him.^k

9 He that is quarrying out stones^c will hurt himself with them. He that is splitting logs will have to be careful with them.^r

10 If an iron tool has become blunt and someone has not whetted its edge,^s then he will exert his own vital energies. And the making of wisdom succeed means advantage.^t

11 If the serpent bites when no charming results,^u then there is no advantage to the one indulging in the tongue.

^a Literally, "Flies of death," M. ^b Or, "good motive." ^c "Foolishness," M; "the foolish one," LXXVgSy.

12 The words of the mouth of the wise one mean favor,^v but the lips of the stupid one swallow him up.^v 13 The start of the words of his mouth is foolishness and the end afterward of his mouth is calamitous madness.^z 14 And the foolish one speaks many words.^{*}

Man^a does not know what will come to be; and that which will come to be after him, who can tell him?^z

15 The toil of the stupid ones makes them weary,^a because not one has come to know how to go to the city.^o

16 How will it be with you, O land, when your king is a boy^{*} and your own princes keep eating even in the morning?^o 17 Happy^o are you, O land, when your king is the son of noble ones and your own princes eat at the proper time for mightiness, not for mere drinking.^{*}

18 Through great laziness the beamwork sinks in, and through the letting down of the hands the house leaks.^k

19 Bread^b is for the laughter of the workers, and wine itself makes the life glad;ⁿ but money^c is what meets a response in all things.^r

20 Even in your bedroom do not call down evil upon the king himself,^s and in the interior rooms where you lie down do not call down evil upon anyone rich;^t for a flying^o creature of the heavens will convey the sound and something owning wings will tell the matter.^u

11 Send out your bread^d upon the surface of the waters,^v for in the course of many days you will find it again.^v 2 Give a portion to seven, or even to eight,^z for you do not

^a "Man." M, *ha-a-dam*. ^b Or, "Food." ^c Literally, "the silver," M. ^d Thin, round or oval, and able to float for a time.

know what calamity will occur on the earth.^{*} 3 If the clouds are filled [with water], they empty out a sheer downpour upon the earth;^o and if a tree falls to the south or if to the north, in the place where the tree falls there it will prove to be.^a

4 He that is watching the wind^b will not sow seed, and he that is looking at the clouds will not reap.^o

5 Just as you are not aware of what is the way of the spirit^b in^c the bones in the belly of her that is pregnant,^{*} in like manner you do not know the work of The [true] God^d who does all things.^{*}

6 In the morning sow your seed and until the evening do not let your hand rest,^{*} for you are not knowing where this will have success,^{*} either here or there, or whether both of them will alike be good.

7 The light^o is also sweet and it is good for the eyes^o to see the sun;^k ^s for if a man^e should live^o even many years, in all of them let him rejoice.ⁿ And let him remember the days of darkness,^r though they could be many; every [day] that has come in is vanity.^s

9 Rejoice,^t young man, in your youth and let your heart do you good in the days of your young manhood, and walk in the ways of your heart and in the things seen by your eyes.^u But know that on account of all these The [true] God^d will bring you into judgment.^v 10 So re-

^a "It will prove to be." M, *y'huw*; this is understood to be the root verb from which the divine name *Y'ho-wah* is formed. See Ecclesiastes 2: 22, footnote a. ^b M, *ru'ahh*. See Genesis 1: 2, footnote d. ^c "In." T and many Hebrew manuscripts. ^d "The [true] God." M, *ha-El-o-him*; the Hebrew definite article *ha* preceding the title *El-o-him* for emphasis. ^e M, *ha-a-dam*.

v1K1 10:8
Job 4:4
Ps 37:30
Pr 10:21
Col 4:6
y2Sa 1:16
Ps 64:8
Pr 10:14
Lu 19:22
z1Sa 20:31
1Sa 25:10
2K1 6:31
Lu 6:11
*Pr 10:19
Pr 15:2
oPr 27:1
Ec 6:12
Ec 8:7
Jas 4:14
1Sa 47:13
Hab 2:13
*Ps 107:4
*2Ch 13:7
2Ch 33:1
2Ch 36:9
Isa 3:4
Isa 3:12
oIsa 30:18
oIsa 5:11
Jer 21:12
*Pr 31:4
Isa 28:7
Ho 7:5
kPr 14:1
Pr 21:25
Pr 23:21
Pr 24:33
Heb 6:11
nPs 104:15
Ec 9:7
rEc 7:12
sEx 22:28
Isa 8:21
Ac 23:5
2Pe 2:10
Jude 10
tEc 7:21
uPr 11:13
oIsa 16:2
vDe 15:7
Pr 11:24
Pr 22:9
Isa 32:20
oIsa 3:1
yDe 15:10
Ps 41:1
Pr 19:17
Mt 10:42
Lu 14:14
Heb 6:10
zEs 9:19
Ps 112:9
1Ti 6:18

*Da 4:27
Heb 13:3
o1K1 18:45
Ps 65:9
Isa 55:10
oPr 10:4
Pr 20:4
Pr 24:34
2Co 9:6
Ga 6:9
*Ps 22:10
Ps 139:13
Ps 139:15
Jer 1:5
oJob 5:9
Job 26:14
Job 36:26
Job 37:23
Job 38:4
Job 40:5
Ps 92:5
Ec 8:17
Ro 11:33
*Ec 9:10
Ho 10:12
2Co 9:6
*Pr 27:1
Ac 11:21
1Co 3:7
Jas 4:14
kJob 33:28
Pr 15:30
Ec 7:11
Mt 5:45
oIsa 2:5
oIsa 1:15
nEc 3:12
Ec 5:18
Ec 8:15
oIsa 26:19
rJob 15:23
Jer 13:16
sEc 2:11
Ec 4:8
tDe 16:11
Ps 5:11
uEc 6:9
Ec 12:1
Lu 2:49
vPs 50:6
Ec 3:17
Ec 12:14
Ac 17:31
Ro 2:6
Ro 14:10
1Co 4:5
2Co 5:10

move vexation from your heart and ward off calamity from your flesh,^y for youth and the prime of life are vanity.^z

12 Remember, now, your grand Creator^a in the days of your young manhood,^b before the calamitous days proceed to come,^c or the years have arrived when you will say: "I have no delight in them";^d ^e before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark,^e and the clouds have returned, afterward the downpour;^f ^g in the day when the keepers of the house tremble and the men of vital energy have bent themselves^g and the grinding women^h have quit working because they have become few and the ladies^c seeing at the windows^h have found it dark; ⁱ and the doors onto the street have been closed,^k when the sound of the grinding mill becomes low, and one gets up at the sound of a bird^c and all the daughters^o of song sound low.^r ^s Also they have become afraid merely at what is high, and there are terrors in the way.^s And the almond tree carries blossoms^t and the grasshopper drags itself along and the caper berry bursts, because man^d is walking to his long-lasting house^u and the wailers have marched around in the street;^v ^w before the silver cord is removed and the golden bowl gets crushed,^y and the jar at the spring is broken and the water wheel for the cistern has been crushed. ^z Then the dust returns to the earth^c

^a "Creator." The Hebrew participle of the verb "create" is here in the plural number of grandeur or excellence. ^b "The grinding women." The Hebrew participle here is in the feminine gender, plural number, because the women did the grinding at home and also because the teeth are feminine in gender in Hebrew. ^c "The ladies seeing." Feminine, because the eyes are feminine in gender in Hebrew. ^d M, *ha-a-dam*'.

y Job 13:26
Ps 25:7
2Ti 2:22
z Pr 22:15

*1Sa 2:18
1Sa 17:37
2Ch 34:3
Ps 71:17
Lu 2:49
2Ti 3:15
c Job 30:2
d 2Sa 19:35
e Job 3:11
f Ge 27:1
g Ge 48:10
h 1Sa 4:15
i Ps 77:17

o Ps 22:15
r Job 31:10
s Isa 47:2
t Mt 24:41
u Mt 9:29

k Ps 115:6

c Isa 31:5
e Ca 2:2
r 2Sa 19:35

s 2Sa 19:34
t Isa 59:10
u Nu 17:8
v Job 15:10
w Job 17:13
x Job 30:23
y Ps 49:14
z Ec 9:10
a Ge 50:3
b Ge 50:10
c y Job 9:53
d Ge 3:19
e Ge 18:27
f Job 34:15
g Ps 146:4
h Ec 3:20
i Isa 1:2

c Isa 4:4
d Isa 7:11
e Ge 2:7
f Nu 16:22
g Job 27:3
h Job 34:14
i Zec 12:1
j 1Ki 8:1
k Ec 1:2
l Ec 1:14
m 1Ki 10:3
n 1Ki 10:8
o 1Ki 4:32
p Pr 1:1
q Pr 10:1
r Pr 15:23
s Pr 16:24
t Pr 25:11
u Pr 8:6
v Lu 1:4
w Joh 17:17
x kJg 3:31
y 1Sa 13:21
z Ac 2:37
a nJer 10:4
b Ps 23:1
c Ps 80:1
d Isa 40:11
e Eze 34:23
f Joh 10:14
g 1Pe 5:4
h Isa 29:12
i Isa 9:7
j sMt 15:6
k Ac 19:19
l Col 2:8

t De 6:2
u De 10:12
v Job 28:28
w Ps 111:10
x 1Pe 2:17
y 1Jo 5:3
z uEc 11:9
a Mt 12:36
b Lu 12:2
c Ac 17:31
d 2Co 5:10

just as it happened to be and the spirit^z itself returns to The [true] God^a who gave it.^b

8 "The greatest vanity!"^b said the congregator,^{ca} "Everything is vanity."^g ^h And besides the fact that the congregator^o had become wise, he also taught the people knowledge continually,^g and he pondered and made a thorough search, that he might arrange many proverbs in order.^g ⁱ The congregator^c sought to find the delightful words^k and the writing of correct words of truth.^h

11 The words of the wise ones are like oxgoads,^k and just like nails driven in^{da} are those indulging in collections^e [of sentences]; they have been given from one shepherd.^r ^s As regards anything besides these, my son, take a warning: To the making of many books^o there is no end,^o and much devotion [to them] is wearisome to the flesh.^a

13 The conclusion of the matter, everything having been heard, is: Fear The [true] God^a and keep his commandments.^t For this is the whole [obligation] of man.^f ^g For The [true] God^a himself will bring every sort of work into the judgment in relation to every hidden thing, as to whether it is good or bad.^u

^a "The [true] God." M, *ha-Elo-him*'; the Hebrew definite article *ha* preceding the title *Elo-him*' for emphasis. ^b Literally, "Vanity of vanities!" MLXXVgSy. ^c See Ecclesiastes 1:1, footnote b. ^d Literally, "planted," as if built into a house. ^e "Collections." M, *a-sup-pôth*'; derived from the Hebrew verb *a-saph*', meaning "to collect." ^f Or, "mankind." M, *ha-a-dam*'.

THE SONG OF SOLOMON^a

1 The superlative song,^b which is Sol'o-mon's:^c "May he kiss me with the kisses of his mouth,^a for your expressions of endearment^c are better than wine.^d For fragrance your oils are good.^e Like an oil that is poured out is your name.^f That is why maidens themselves have loved you.^g Draw me with^d you;^h let us run.^k The king has brought me into his interior rooms!ⁿ Do let us be joyful and rejoice in you.^r Do let us mention your expressions of endearment^c more than wine.^s Deservedly they have loved you.^t

5 "A black girl I am but comely,^u O you daughters of Jerusalem,^v like the tents of Ke'dar,^y [yet] like the tent curtains of Sol'o-mon.^z Do not you look at me because I am swarthy,^z because the sun has caught sight of me.^z The sons of my own mother grew angry with me; they appointed me the keeper of the vineyards,^z [although] my vineyard, one that was mine, I did not keep.

7 "Do tell me, O you whom my soul has loved,^a where you do shepherding,^g where you make the flock lie down at midday.^g Just why should I become like a woman wrapped in mourning among the droves of your partners?"

8 "If you do not know for yourself, O you

*Ex 15:1
Nu 21:17
De 31:19
De 32:44
Jg 5:12
2Sa 22:1
1Ch 6:31
Ps 18 Sup
Isa 5:1
Re 15:3
1KI 4:32
ΔGe 29:11
Ps 2:12
1Pe 5:14
ΔPs 45:11
Ca 2:4
Ca 4:10
Ca 7:12
Isa 62:5
Ex 30:23
Ps 45:7
Pr 27:9
Ca 3:6
Ca 5:5
Joh 12:3
ΔPs 45:2
Ec 7:1
*Ps 45:14
2Co 11:2
Re 14:4
*Joh 6:44
kPs 119:32
Heb 12:1
n1KI 7:1
rLu 2:10
Lu 19:37
sJoh 15:13
tJoh 21:16
uEs 2:7
vPs 45:9
yPs 120:5
zRu 1:19
*Job 30:30
ΔMt 20:1
Δ1Pe 1:8
ΔCa 6:3
Joh 10:11
Re 7:17
Joh 10:16

*Es 2:17
Ps 45:11
Eph 5:27
Re 19:8
*Isa 40:11
Joh 21:15
k1KI 10:26
Isa 31:1
nCa 4:1
rGe 24:47
Eze 16:11
1Pe 3:4
sPs 149:4
Eph 5:27
Php 3:21
ΔIsa 30:22
t1KI 2:7
uCa 4:13
Mr 14:3
Joh 12:3
vEx 30:23
Es 2:12
Ps 45:8
Ca 4:6
Ca 5:13
Joh 19:39
yGe 49:25
Ps 22:9
Ca 4:5
Isa 66:11
zEph 3:17
*Ca 4:13
ΔJoh 15:62
ΔCa 1:9
ΔCa 4:1
Ro 10:15
*Eph 1:18
ΔPs 45:2
Ca 5:10
Joh 1:14
*Job 7:13
Ps 41:3
*2Ch 2:8
Ps 92:12
nCa 2:16
rCa 1:9
Ca 1:15
Php 2:15
1Pe 2:12
ΔIsa 3:16
sCa 8:5
Isa 4:2
tPs 45:2
Ca 5:9
Joh 3:31
uJoh 15:1
Joh 15:5
1Jo 1:3

most beautiful one among women,^e go out yourself in the footprints of the flock and pasture your kids of the goats alongside the tabernacles of the shepherds.^h

9 "To a mare of mine in the chariots of Pharaoh I have likened you,^k O girl companion of mine.ⁿ Your cheeks are handsome among the hair braids, your neck in a string of beads.^r Circlets of gold^o we shall make for you, along with studs of silver.^s

12 "As long as the king is at his round table^t my own spikenard^u has given out its fragrance.^u As a bag of myrrh^v my dear one is to me; between my breasts^y he will spend the night.^z As a cluster of henna^z my dear one is to me, among the vineyards of En-ge'di.^z

15 "Look! you are beautiful, O girl companion of mine.^a Look! you are beautiful.^g Your eyes are [those of] doves.^h

16 "Look! you are beautiful,^a my dear one, also pleasant. Our divan^g also is one of foliage.^g The beams of our grand house^b are cedars,^h our rafters juniper trees.

2 "A mere saffron^c of the coastal plain^d I am, a lily of the valleys.^e

2 "Like a lily among thorny weeds, so is my girl companion among the daughters.^o

3 "Like an apple tree^s among the trees of the forest, so is my dear one among the sons.^t His shade I have passionately desired and there I have sat down, and his fruit has been sweet to my palate.^u He brought me into the house

^a M, *Shir hash-shi-rim'*; Vg, "Sol'o-mon's Song of Songs [*Canticum Cantico'rum Salomo'nis*], which in Hebrew is called 'Sir Hasi-rim.'" ^b Or, "The most beautiful (most excellent) song." Literally, "The song of songs," *MLXX*. ^c Literally, "your endearments." M, *do-dei'kha*. Compare Proverbs 7:18. ^d Or, "after." See Judges 13:11, footnote c; Ruth 1:16, footnote d.

^a "You . . . beautiful"; in Hebrew in the masculine gender and hence referring to her shepherd lover. ^b Literally, "our houses." M. ^c Or, "crocus"; or, "asphodel." ^d "Coastal plain." Or, "Shar'on." M, *hash-sha-rôn'*. ^e Or, "low plains."

of wine,^v and his banner^v over me was love.^{az}
^v Do you people refresh me with cakes of raisins,^v sustain me with apples, for I am love-sick.^q ⁶ His left hand is under my head, and his own right hand embraces me.[^] ⁷ I have put you under oath,^o O daughters of Jerusalem,⁺ by the female gazelles^o or by the hinds of the field,⁺ that you try not to awaken or arouse love^a [in me] until it feels inclined.[^]

8 "The sound of my dear one!^k Look! this one is coming,ⁿ climbing upon the mountains, leaping^a upon the hills. ⁹ My dear one is resembling a gazelle^t or the roe of the stags. Look! this one is standing behind our wall, gazing through the windows, glancing through the lattices. ¹⁰ My dear one has answered and said to me: 'Rise up, you girl companion of mine,^y my beautiful one, and come away.^z ¹¹ For, look! the rainy season^b itself has passed, the downpour itself is over, it has gone its way. ¹² Blossoms themselves have appeared in the land,^q the very time of vine trimming has arrived and the voice of the turtledove^a itself has been heard in our land. ¹³ As for the fig tree,^o it has gained a mature color for its early figs; and the vines are abloom, they have given [their] fragrance. Rise up, come, O girl companion of mine,^y my beautiful one, and come away.^z ¹⁴ O my dove^v in the retreats of the crag, in the hiding place of the steep way, show me your form, let me hear your voice,^k for your voice is pleasurable and your form is comely.' ¹⁵ "n

15 "Do you people grab hold of the foxes^r for us, the little foxes that are making spoil of the vineyards,^a as our vineyards are abloom."^t

^a "Love." M, a-ha-bah'. ^b Or, "the winter."

vIsa 25:6
 yPs 60:4
 Ca 6:4
 zJoh 14:21
 Joh 15:10
 *2Sa 6:19
 Ho 3:1
 Ca 5:8
 Ca 8:3
 Joh 3:29
 Eph 5:25
 *Mt 26:63
 Ca 1:5
 Ca 5:8
 Ca 5:16
 *2Sa 2:18
 Pr 6:5
 Ca 3:5
 *Pr 5:19
 *Ca 8:4
 kCa 5:2
 Joh 10:27
 Re 3:20
 nRe 22:20
 *Lu 6:23
 Ca 2:17
 Ca 8:14

yCa 4:7
 zPs 45:10
 Mt 19:29
 2Co 6:17
 Ca 6:11
 Isa 35:2
 Isa 55:10
 *Ps 74:19
 *Mic 4:4
 Lu 13:6
 *Ca 4:7
 *Ps 45:10
 Mt 19:29
 2Co 6:17
 Re 18:4
 *Ge 8:8
 Ca 5:2
 Ca 6:9
 Isa 60:8
 Mt 10:16
 kHeb 10:22
 nPs 45:11
 Ps 110:3
 Ca 1:5
 Ca 6:10
 Eph 5:27
 Col 1:22
 rJg 15:4
 Lu 13:32
 *Ac 20:29
 2Pe 2:3
 Re 2:2
 tCa 7:12

uCa 6:3
 Ca 7:10
 2Co 11:2
 Ga 3:29
 vCa 1:7
 Isa 40:11
 Joh 10:11
 yCa 2:1
 Ca 6:3
 zLu 1:78
 *2Sa 2:18
 Ca 2:7
 Ca 2:9
 Ca 8:14
 Ca 1:7
 1Pe 1:8
 *Lu 13:24
 *Isa 60:1
 Ro 13:11
 *Heb 13:14

*Ca 5:7
 Isa 21:6

*Joh 20:15

*Ps 45:2
 Mt 7:7

kGe 32:26
 Pr 4:13
 Mt 28:9
 Joh 20:17
 nIsa 54:1
 Ga 4:26
 rCa 2:7
 Mt 26:63
 Ca 1:5
 Ca 5:8
 Ca 5:16
 t2Sa 2:18
 Pr 6:5
 uPr 5:19
 vCa 8:4
 yJer 2:2
 zEx 13:21

*Ca 1:3
 Ca 4:14
 Ca 5:5

*1Ki 19:22
 1Ki 14:27

16 "My dear one is mine and I am his.^u He is shepherding^v among the lilies.^y ¹⁷ Until the day breathes^z and the shadows have fled, turn around, O my dear one, be like the gazelle^o or like the roe of the stags upon the mountains of separation.^a

3 "On my bed during the nights I have sought the one whom my soul has loved.^q I sought him but I did not find him.[^] ² Let me rise up,^o please, and go round about in the city;⁺ in the streets and in the public squares let me seek the one whom my soul has loved. I sought him but I did not find him. ³ The watchmen^o who were going around in the city found me: 'The one whom my soul has loved have you men seen?' ⁴ Hardly had I passed on from them until I found the one whom my soul has loved.[^] I grabbed hold of him and I would not let go of him,^k until I had brought him into my mother's houseⁿ and into the interior room of her that had been pregnant with me. ⁵ I have put you under oath,^o O daughters of Jerusalem,⁺ by the female gazelles^t or by the hinds^u of the field, that you try not to awaken or arouse love [in me] until it feels inclined.[^]

6 "What^b is this thing that is coming up from the wilderness^y like columns of smoke,^z being perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, even with every sort of scent powder of a trader?"[^]

7 "Look! it is his couch, the one belonging to Sol'o-mon. Sixty mighty men^c are all around it, from the mighty men^c of Israel,^a ⁸ all of them

^a Or, "cleft mountains." Literally, "mountains of Be'ther," M. The exact meaning of "Be'ther" is yet unexplained. ^b Literally, "Who?" but with a feminine predicate, M. ^c "Mighty men." M, gib-bo-rim'.

in possession of a sword,^o being taught in warfare, each one with his sword upon his thigh because of dread during the nights.”⁺

9 “It is the litter that King Sol’o-mon has made for himself from the trees of Leb’a-non.¹⁰ Its pillars he has made of silver, its supports of gold. Its seat is of wool dyed reddish purple, its interior being fitted out lovingly^a by the daughters of Jerusalem.”^o

11 “Go out and look, O you daughters of Zion,⁺ on King Sol’o-mon with the wreath that his mother⁺ wove for him on the day of his marriage^k and on the day of the rejoicing of his heart.”ⁿ

4 “Look! you are beautiful,^r O girl companion of mine.³ Look! you are beautiful.^t Your eyes are [those of] doves, behind your veil.^u Your hair^v is like a drove of goats^o that have hopped down from the mountainous region of Gil’e-ad.² ² Your teeth are like a drove of freshly-shorn [ewes]^{*} that have gone up from the washing, all of which are bearing twins, with none among them having lost its young ones.³ ³ Your lips^a are just like a scarlet^o thread, and your speaking is agreeable.⁺ Like a slice of pomegranate are your temples behind your veil.⁴ ⁴ Your neck⁺ is like the tower of David, built in courses of stone, upon which are hung a thousand shields,^r all the circular shields of the mighty men.^b ⁵ Your two breasts⁺ are like two roes, the twins of a female gazelle, that are feeding among the lilies.”^t

6 “Until the day breathes^u and the shadows have fled, I shall go my way to the mountain of myrrh^v and to the hill of frankincense.”^o

^a Or, possibly, by a correction of M, “with ebony.” ^b “Mighty men.” M, *gib-bo-rim*.

Ps 45:3
Eze 9:2

Ne 4:21

Ca 1:5
Ca 2:7
Ca 3:5
1Ki 1:30
kIsa 62:5
Joh 3:29
Re 19:7
nJoh 15:11
rCa 1:15
Ca 2:10
sCa 1:9
Ca 2:14
tPs 45:11
Eze 16:14
uEs 2:7
vCa 5:11
oEze 43:22
yCa 6:5

oJer 8:22
zNu 32:1
Nu 32:40
*Ca 6:6

oEx 23:26
De 7:13
APs 37:30
Ps 45:2
Pr 10:13
Ca 5:13
Ca 7:9
Joh 7:46
oJos 2:18
*Lu 4:22
*Ca 6:7
*Ca 1:10
Ca 7:4
r2Ch 9:15
2Ch 9:16
2Ch 12:9
sCa 1:13
Ca 7:3
Ca 8:1
tCa 2:16
uCa 2:17
vEx 30:23
oIsa 43:23

yPs 45:11
zCa 1:9
Ca 4:1
*2Co 11:2
2Pe 3:14
oRe 21:9
oDe 3:25
*De 3:9
*Ge 20:12
Ps 45:13
Ca 5:1
Mt 12:50
oPs 45:9
Joh 3:29
Re 19:7
*Pr 5:19
Ca 6:5
Ca 7:6
*Ca 1:10
kCa 1:2
Ca 7:12
oJer 3:7
nCa 1:4
rCa 1:3
Ca 1:12
Ca 5:5
sPs 71:23
Ca 5:13
Ca 7:9
Heb 13:15
tPr 16:24
oMic 2:8
uPr 24:13
Ca 5:1
Isa 7:15
vPs 45:8
Ho 14:7
yCa 6:2
Isa 58:11
Isa 61:11
zCa 7:12
Ca 8:2
*Php 1:11
oCa 1:14
*Ca 1:12
oCa 2:1
*Isa 51:3
*Ge 16:14
*Ex 30:23
Pr 7:17
Re 18:13
oCa 1:13
*Nu 24:6
Ps 45:8
Joh 19:39
*Ec 2:6
kJer 18:14
nEc 1:6
rCa 5:1

7 “You are altogether beautiful,^y O girl companion of mine,^z and there is no defect in you.”⁺

⁸ With me from Leb’a-non, O bride,^o with me from Leb’a-non^a may you come. May you descend from the top of Anti-Leb’a-non,^a from the top of Se’nir,^o even Her’mon, from the lairs of lions, from the mountains of leopards. ⁹ You have made my heart beat, O my sister,⁺ [my] bride,^o you have made my heart beat^b by one of your eyes,⁺ by one pendant of your necklace.⁺

¹⁰ How beautiful your expressions of endearment are,^k O my sister,^o my bride! How much better your expressions of endearment are than wineⁿ and the fragrance of your oils than all sorts of perfume!^r ¹¹ With comb honey your lips^s keep dripping,^t O [my] bride. Honey^u and milk are under your tongue, and the fragrance of your garments^o is like the fragrance of Leb’a-non.^v ¹² A garden barred in is my sister,^y [my] bride, a garden^c barred in, a spring sealed up.

¹³ Your skin is a paradise^d of pomegranates,^z with the choicest fruits,⁺ henna^o plants along with spikenard^a plants; ¹⁴ spikenard and saffron,^o cane and cinnamon,⁺ along with all sorts of trees of frankincense, myrrh⁺ and aloes,⁺ along with all the finest perfumes; ¹⁵ [and] a spring of gardens,^o a well^o of fresh^e water,⁺ and trickling streams from Leb’a-non.^k ¹⁶ Awake, O north wind, and come in, O south wind.ⁿ Breathe upon my garden.^r Let its perfumes trickle.”

“Let my dear one come into his garden and eat its choicest fruits.”

^a Literally, “A.ma’nah,” M. ^b Or, “you have encouraged me.”
^c “Garden,” LXXVgSy and many Hebrew manuscripts; “wave,” M.
^d Or, “park [preserve].” M, *par.dēs*; Sy, *par.dai’sa*; LXXVg, “paradise.” ^e Or, more literally, “living,” M.

5 "I have come into my garden,^t O my sister,^u [my] bride.^v I have plucked my myrrh^y along with my spice. I have eaten my honeycomb along with my honey;^z I have drunk my wine along with my milk."

"Eat, O companions! Drink and become drunk with expressions of endearment!"^a

2 "I am asleep, but my heart is awake.^Δ There is the sound of my dear one knocking!"^Δ

"Open to me,^{*} O my sister,^Δ my girl companion, my dove,^{*} my perfect one! For my head is filled with dew, the locks of my hair with the drops of the night."

3 "I have put off my robe. How can I put it back on? I have washed my feet. How can I soil them?"^{*} My dear one himself pulled back his hand from the hole [of the door], and my inward parts^t themselves became boisterous within me.^b I got up, even I, to open to my dear one,^u and my own hands dripped with myrrh^v and my fingers with liquid^c myrrh, upon the hollows of the lock.^d I opened, even I, to my dear one, but my dear one himself had turned away, he had passed along.^y My very soul had gone out [of me] when he spoke. I sought him but I did not find him.^{*} I called him but he did not answer me.⁷ The watchmen[□] that were going about in the city found me. They struck me, they wounded me.^Δ The watchmen of the walls lifted my wide wrap off me.^Δ

8 "I have put you under oath,^{*} O daughters of Jerusalem,^Δ that, if you find my dear one,^{*}

^a Or, "become drunk, O dear ones!" ^b "Within me," upward of fifty Hebrew manuscripts and some printed Hebrew editions; "over him," MLXXVgSy. ^c Literally, "current (passing along)," M. ^d That is, the hollow into which the door bolt is pushed.

tCa 4:16
Ca 6:2
Ca 8:13
Isa 5:1
Isa 51:3
Isa 61:11
uCa 4:9
vCa 4:8
yCa 4:14
zDe 26:9
Ca 4:11
Ca 1:2
Ca 1:4
Ca 3:1

ΔRe 3:20
+Lu 12:36
ΔCa 4:9
+Ca 2:14

tGe 43:30
1Ki 3:26

uLu 12:36
vCa 3:6
Ca 4:14

yIsa 8:17
Isa 54:7

*Ps 22:1
Ca 3:1
□Ca 3:3

ΔAc 20:30
ΔAc 5:40
1Pe 4:14

+Ca 2:7
Ca 8:4
ΔCa 1:5
Ca 3:10
+Ps 45:2
Ca 1:16

*Ca 2:5

kPs 45:7
nMt 21:10
Joh 6:68
Heb 1:9
rCa 2:7
Ca 5:8
Ca 8:4
+Ca 1:16
Heb 7:26
tGe 49:10
De 18:18
Isa 49:6
Php 2:10
Col 1:18
Heb 2:10
uRe 1:14
mRe 19:12
vCa 1:15
ΔIsa 7:22

lCa 6:2

ΔCa 1:13
Ca 5:5
+Ps 45:4
Ps 78:72

*Re 1:15

ΔEx 26:19

*Ps 92:12

*Ps 45:2
Ca 2:3
kCa 1:16
rCa 1:5
+Es 2:17
Ps 45:11
Ca 1:8
Re 19:8

tCa 5:9
vEc 2:5
Ca 5:1
Ca 8:13
yCa 5:13
zCa 1:7

Joh 10:11
Re 7:17
*Ca 2:16
rCa 7:10
2Co 11:2
Ga 3:29
Re 21:2

ΔIsa 40:11
Joh 10:14
Joh 10:16
Heb 13:20
ΔEph 5:27

you should tell him that I am lovesick."^Δ

9 "How is your dear one more than any other dear one,^k O you most beautiful one among women? How is your dear one more than any other dear one,ⁿ that you have put us under such an oath as this?"^r

10 "My dear one is dazzling and ruddy,^s the most conspicuous^a of ten thousand.^t His head is gold, refined gold.^u The locks of his hair are date clusters. His black [hair] is like the raven.

12 His eyes^m are like doves^v by the channels of water, which are bathing themselves in milk,^o sitting within the rims. 13 His cheeks are like a garden bed of spice,^l towers of scented herbs. His lips are lilies, dripping with liquid myrrh.[□]

14 His hands are cylinders of gold,^Δ filled with chrysolite.^b His abdomen is an ivory plate covered with sapphires. 15 His legs are pillars^{*} of marble based on socket pedestals^Δ of refined gold. His appearance is like Leb'a-non,^{*} choice like the cedars. 16 His palate is sheer sweetness, and everything about him is altogether desirable.^{*} This is my dear one^k and this is my boy companion, O daughters of Jerusalem."^r

6 "Where has your dear one gone, O most beautiful one among women?^s Where has your dear one turned,^t that we may seek him with you?"

2 "My own dear one has gone down to his garden,^v to the garden bed of spice plants,^y to shepherd^z among the gardens, and to pick lilies.^{*} 3 I am my dear one's and my dear one is mine.^Δ He is shepherding^Δ among the lilies."

4 "You are beautiful,^Δ O girl companion of

^a "Conspicuous." Literally, "lifted up like a banner," M. ^b M, tar-shish'.

mine,* like Pleasant City,^a comely like Jerusalem,^a awesome as companies gathered around banners.^a Turn away your eyes^k from in front of me, for they themselves have alarmed me. Your hair is like a dove of goats that have hopped down from Gil'e-ad.ⁿ Your teeth are like a dove of ewes that have come up from the washing, all of which are bearing twins, none among them having lost its young ones.^r Like a slice of pomegranate are your temples behind your veil.^t There may be sixty queens and eighty concubines and maidens without number.^u One there is who is my dove,^v my perfect one.^v One there is who belongs to her mother.^z She is the pure one of the one giving birth to her.* The daughters have seen her and have proceeded to pronounce her happy; queens and concubines,^z and have proceeded to praise her:^z "Who is this woman" that is looking down like the dawn,^z beautiful like the full moon,^z pure like the glowing sun,^z awesome as companies gathered around banners?"

11 "To the garden" of nut trees I had gone down, to see the buds in the torrent valley,^k to see whether the vine had sprouted, whether the pomegranate trees had blossomed.ⁿ I did not know [what, but] my own soul had put me at the chariots^o of my willing people.^{br}

13 "Come back, come back,^s O Shu'lam-mite! Come back, come back, that we may behold you!"^c

"What do you people behold in the Shu'lam-mite?"^c

"Something like the dance of two camps!"^{du}

^a Or, "like Tir'zah." M. ^b With this verse chapter 6 ends in M, after which chapter 7 begins. ^c Here chapter 6 ends in LXXVgSy. ^d Or, "dance of Ma-ha-na'im."

*Ca 1:9
Ca 4:1
1Ki 15:33
Ps 48:2
Re 21:10
Ps 20:5
Ca 6:10
2Co 2:14
kCa 1:15
Ca 4:9
Ca 7:4
nCa 4:1

rCa 4:2
tCa 4:3

u1Ki 11:1
Ps 45:14
Re 7:9
vCa 2:14
yCa 5:2
zCa 4:26
Isa 54:1
Isa 66:8

Ge 22:24

Ps 45:9
Ps 126:2
Isa 49:23
Isa 60:3

Ca 8:5
Re 21:10
2Sa 23:4
Pr 4:18

Isa 58:8
Job 31:26
Eph 5:27
Mt 13:43
Mt 17:2

Ca 6:4
Ro 8:37
2Co 2:14

Isa 22:18
Ec 2:5
Ca 5:1
Ca 6:2

kJoh 15:16
nCa 7:12
Isa 5:1
Lu 13:7

rPs 110:3
sCa 2:14
tCa 1:6
Re 19:7
uGe 32:2

7 "How beautiful your steps have become in [your] sandals,^v O willing daughter!^v The curvings of your thighs are like ornaments,^z the work of an artisan's hands.* Your navel roll is a round bowl. Let not the mixed^a wine be lacking [from it]. Your belly is a heap of wheat,^z fenced about with lilies.* Your two breasts^z are like two roes, the twins of a female gazelle.* Your neck^a is like an ivory tower.^k Your eyesⁿ are like the pools in Hesh'bon,^r by the gate of Bath-rab'bim. Your nose is like the tower of Leb'a-non,^s which is looking out toward Damascus.^t Your head upon you is like Car'mel and the tresses of your head are like wool dyed reddish purple.^v The king is held bound by the flowings.^v How beautiful you are^z and how pleasant you are, O beloved girl,^a among exquisite delights!* This stature of yours does resemble a palm tree^z and your breasts,^a date clusters. I have said: 'I shall go up on the palm tree, that I may take hold of its fruit stalks of dates.'^z And, please, may your breasts become like clusters of the vine, and the fragrance of your nose like apples,^z and your palate like the best wine that is going with a smoothness^z for my dear one,^v softly flowing over the lips of sleeping ones."^a

10 "I am my dear one's^k and toward me is his longing.ⁿ Do come, O my dear one, let us go forth to the field;^r do let us lodge among the henna^a plants.^b Do let us rise early and go to the vineyards, that we may see whether the vine has sprouted,^t the blossom has burst open,^u the pomegranate^v trees have bloomed.

vIsa 52:7
Ro 10:15
Eph 6:15
yPs 68:11
Eph 5:24
zPs 45:13
Ex 35:35
Pr 9:2
Pr 23:30
Ca 5:14
Ca 2:2
Ca 1:13
Ca 8:1
Ca 4:5
Ca 1:10
Ca 4:4
kCa 5:14
nCa 4:1
Ca 4:9
Eph 1:18
rNu 21:25
s1Ki 7:2
tGe 15:2
vCa 4:1
yCa 1:4
zPs 45:11
Ca 1:15
Ca 2:14
Ca 4:10
Ca 4:7
Ps 92:12
Eph 4:13
Ca 1:13
Ca 4:5

Ca 4:16
Ca 5:1
Isa 61:3
Re 22:2

Ca 2:3
2Co 2:15
Pr 23:31
Ca 5:8
Ca 5:2

kCa 2:16
Ca 6:3
1Co 8:17
nCa 2:14
rCa 2:13

Ca 4:8
Ca 4:13
tCa 6:11
Ac 15:36

uCa 2:13
vNu 13:23
De 8:8
Ca 4:13
Ca 6:11

^a Literally, "O love," M. ^b "The villages," LXXVg(Sy). But see The Song of Solomon 1:14; 4:13.

There I shall give my expressions of endearment to you.¹³ The mandrakes² themselves have given [their] fragrance, and by our entrance-ways there are all sorts of the choicest fruits.³ The new ones as well as the old,⁴ O my dear one, I have treasured up for you.⁴

8 "O that you were like a brother of mine, sucking⁵ the breasts of my mother!" Should I find you outside I would kiss you.⁶ People would not even despise me.⁷ I would lead you, I would bring you into the house of my mother,⁸ who used to teach me.⁹ I would give you a drink of spiced wine,¹⁰ the fresh juice of pomegranates.¹¹ His left hand would be under my head, and his own right hand would embrace me.¹²

4 "I have put you under oath, O daughters of Jerusalem,¹³ that you try not to awaken or arouse love [in me] until it feels inclined."¹⁴

5 "Who is this woman¹⁵ coming up from the wilderness,¹⁶ leaning upon her dear one?"¹⁷

"Under the apple tree I aroused you.¹⁸ There your¹⁹ mother was in birth pangs with you.²⁰ There she that was giving birth to you²¹ experienced birth pangs."²²

6 "Place me as a seal upon your²³ heart,²⁴ as a seal upon your²⁵ arm,²⁶ because love is as strong as death is,²⁷ insistence on exclusive devotion²⁸ is as unyielding as She'ol²⁹ is. Its blazings are the blazings of a fire, the flame of Jah.³⁰ Many waters themselves are not able to ex-

^a The pronoun is in the masculine gender. ^b M, *sh'ol*; LXX, "Ha'des"; Vg, *infer'nus*. ^c "Jah." This is the only place in The Song of Solomon where the divine name, in abbreviated form, occurs. See Exodus 15:2, footnote b; Psalm 68:4, footnote a. Also see C. D. Ginsburg's *Introduction to the Massoretico-Critical Edition of the Hebrew Bible* (1897), pages 386, 387.

yCa 1:4
Ca 4:10
2Co 5:14
zGe 30:14
*Ca 4:16
Ca 5:1
Joh 15:8
Ga 5:22
Eph 5:9
Php 1:11
Mt 13:52
Mt 24:45
1Pe 4:11
Isa 66:11
*Ga 4:26
*Ps 2:12
Ca 1:2
Lu 7:45
*Ca 3:4
Ga 4:26
*Isa 30:20
kCa 5:1

rCa 2:6
Joh 3:29
Eph 5:25

*Ca 2:7
tCa 3:5

uCa 3:6
Ca 6:10
vPs 45:10
Re 12:6
vPs 63:8
zCa 2:3
*Ca 3:4
Isa 54:1
Isa 66:7

*Ca 4:19
Ga 4:26
Re 12:1
Hag 2:23
Jer 22:24

*Ca 5:8
Joh 21:15
*Ex 20:5
Jos 24:19
2Co 11:2
*Ex 3:2
Ex 15:2

tinguish love, nor can rivers themselves wash it away. If a man^a would give all the valuable things of his house for love,ⁿ persons would positively despise them."^b

8 "We have a little sister that does not have any breasts. What shall we do for our sister on the day that she will be spoken for?"

9 "If she should be a wall, we shall build upon her a battlement of silver; but if she should be a door, we shall block her up with a cedar plank."

10 "I am a wall, and my breasts^v are like towers. In this case I have become in his eyes like her that is finding peace."

11 "There was a vineyard^{*} that Sol'o-mon happened to have in Ba'al-ha'mon. He gave the vineyard over to the keepers.² Each one^a would bring in for its fruitage a thousand silver pieces.^c

12 "My vineyard, which belongs to me, is at my disposal.^d The thousand belong to you, O Sol'o-mon, and two hundred to those keeping its fruitage."

13 "O you^e who are dwelling in the gardens,^f the partners are paying attention to your voice. Let me hear it."^g

14 "Run away, my dear one, and make yourself^f like a gazelle or like a roe of the stags upon the mountains of spices."^h

nPr 6:35

vCa 4:5
Ca 7:3
Ca 7:8
Eze 16:7

*Ec 2:4
Ca 7:12
Isa 5:1
Mt 21:33
Mr 12:1
*Lu 20:9

*Ca 2:13
Ca 4:16
Ca 6:2
Ca 6:11
*Ca 2:14

*Ca 2:17
Re 22:20

^a M, *ish*. ^b Or, "him." ^c Or, "a thousand pieces of money." ^d Literally, "is before me." ^e "You." In the feminine gender, the same as the pronoun "your" in this verse. ^f "Yourself." In the masculine gender. Compare The Song of Solomon 2:8, 9, 16, 17.

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